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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR.

ALLIES ON GOOD TERMS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 17.

According to a telegram from Belgrade, the relations between the Serbian and Greek Cabinets have become most intimate, and it is even reported that they have concluded a defensive Treaty.

Anti-Bulgarian articles in the Press have become very common, though the official Serbo-Bulgarian relations are quite cordial.

The Hamidieh's Work.

Reports from military headquarters state that the Hamidieh's bombardments in the Adriatic Sea caused a loss of 119 lives, besides damage to the supply transports.

Bulgarian Success.

A message from Sofia says that the Bulgarians on Wednesday captured a redoubt near Akalim, outside the Chatalja lines. The Turks attempted to recapture the position, but were repulsed, leaving 300 dead and wounded.

Turkish Desertions.

The Turkish troops at Adrianople are deserting and surrendering at the rate of fifty or sixty daily.

Latest Greek Success.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that the Greeks, after defeating the Turks, occupied Argiro Castro amidst the enthusiasm of the inhabitants.

The Powers' Proposals.

The Powers, in reply to the Allies, agree to mediate. The Reply proposes a frontier from Enos to Midia instead of from Rodosto to Midia, and refuses to entertain the idea of an indemnity. It states that the question of the Aegean Islands and of Albania are in the hands of the Powers.

The Hamidieh.

Later.

Reuter's correspondent at Alexandria wires that the cruiser Hamidieh has sailed northward.

CANADIAN NAVAL BILL.

PREVENTING OBSTRUCTION.

London, March 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that with a view to checking the obstruction in the debate on the Naval Bill, the Government has intimated that it will enforce the rule obliging members to confine their remarks to the clause under consideration. During Friday night the Government secured majorities on the points of order it raised against Opposition speakers.

The Chairman, at the instance of the Prime Minister, ruled that both Sir Wilfred Laurier's amendments were out of order on the ground that the Bill had received the assent of the Crown.

The Opposition then moved that the Chairman leave the chair. This was debated all Saturday.

Building Difficulties.

Later.
The correspondence between Mr. Churchill and Mr. Borden has been issued. Mr. Churchill sums up the matter by saying that it would be wholly unwise for Canada to attempt to build battleships at present, as the cost of plant alone would be \$15,000,000 and could not be ready for four years. He points out that trained workmen are not obtainable in Canada, and the greatest difficulty would be to know what plant to lay down, owing to the possible introduction of internal combustion engines which might revolutionise construction. It mentions the ship-building experiments of Japan and Spain, both still requiring great assistance from Britain.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TEA MARKET.

TRADE CONDITIONS GOOD.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 17.

Discussing the future prospects of the tea market, the "Times" says the conclusion is warranted that the popularity of tea as a beverage, the trade enquiry for it and the ability of customers to pay for it, are steadily growing in various directions. While India, Ceylon and Java are producing and selling more, China's sales have receded nearly 12 million lbs. this season, while Japan's exports are not expanding.

The "Times" article concludes that, in spite of a relapse since February, the position of many producers in India and Ceylon may confidently be said to be hopeful, because their tea is almost everywhere recognised to be the best.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

UNIONIST CRITICISM.

London, March 17.

Considerable criticism has been levelled at the Army Estimates by the Unionists, especially in regard to the inadequacy of the provision for aviation, which only totals £373,000, or, with the Naval aircraft estimates, £500,050. The figure previously telegraphed (£234,000) was for the provision of an aircraft factory alone, though the absence of the usual explanatory Memorandum obscured this.

The newspapers compare this total with Germany's expenditure of £1,800,000 and France's outlay of £850,000 in 1912, both of which would be greatly exceeded in 1913.

Formation of Aviation Squadrons.
Colonel Seely's Memorandum on the Army Estimates was issued this (Monday) afternoon. It says that four aviation squadrons have been formed with 128 trained flyers, and the fifth and sixth squadrons will be raised in 1913-14 towards the total of eight squadrons. These will be recommended for an expeditionary force. The Memorandum dwells on the difficulty of obtaining adequate supplies of aeroplanes and also skilled mechanics.

The Territorial Force shows a decrease of 97 officers and 10,695 men, solely due to the abnormal numbers joining in 1908 whose engagements have expired. There is every indication, however, that recruiting will be well maintained.

KENDAL BY-ELECTION.

CONFUSION WORSE CONFUSED.

London, March 17.

The Kendal by-election is a bewildering affair, according to the latest development. Colonel Weston, who has been hailed as fighting for national Service, has repudiated a message from Lord Roberts saying his scheme is much humbler than Lord Roberts' scheme and falls considerably short of the aspirations of the National Service League.

The confusion is thus worse than ever.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND V. WALES.

London, March 17.

An Association football match between England and Wales, played at Bristol, resulted in a win for England by 4 goals to 3.

PRINCE OF WALES.

NAVAL LIEUTENANCY.

London, March 17.

H. B. H. the Prince of Wales has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Navy.

TELEGRAMS.

TIBETAN QUESTIONS.

RAISED IN PARLIAMENT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 17.

In the House of Commons, Sir John D. Rees asked whether, under the Treaty of Lhasa, Tibet was free to enter into independent engagements with Mongolia and whether the Imperial Government recognised any change in the status of Mongolia's relations with China.

Mr. Acland replied that there was nothing to preclude Tibet from entering into independent engagements provided the terms of Article 9 were not infringed. The answer to the second part of the question was in the negative.

The Chinese Loan.

In reply to a further question by Sir John D. Rees, Mr. Acland said the Chinese Loan would be made for certain specific objects, not including assistance to Chinese forces threatening Tibet.

[Article 9 reads as follows:—The Government of Tibet engages that, without the previous consent of the British Government—

(a) No portion of Tibetan territory shall be ceded, sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise given for occupation, to any foreign Power;

(b) No such Power shall be permitted to intervene in Tibetan affairs;

(c) No representatives or agents of any foreign Power shall be admitted to Tibet;

(d) No concessions for railways, roads, telegraphs, mining or other rights, shall be granted to any foreign Power, or the subject of any foreign Power. In the event of consent to such concessions being granted, similar or equivalent concessions shall be granted to the British Government;

(e) No Tibetan revenues, whether in kind or in cash, shall be pledged or assigned to any foreign Power, or the subject of any foreign Power.]

A BIG TENANT.

A man charged with causing an obstruction in the street at West Point, told Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court, this morning, that he rented "the place."

His Worship:—What the street? (laughter).
Defendant:—No a doorway.
A fine of \$3 was imposed.

To Preserve Wild Swans.

The Isle of Wight County Council has decided to urge the Board of Agriculture to preserve wild swans, which frequent the coast between Portsmouth and Poole, consequent on some of the swans having been shot and offered for sale.

Charge Against Councillor.
A true bill was returned by the grand jury at Manchester Assizes in the case of John Hargreaves (65), paper manufacturer, and a member of Manchester City Council; James Francis Keating (25), clerk; and Norman Britnor (21), clerk, indicted for conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

The Hall Mark in Singapore.

Representations have been made to the Board of Trade with regard to the number of gold and silver articles sold in Singapore which are not of the fineness indicated by the mark they bear, and the Secretary of State has suggested the Merchandise Marks Ordinance, 1888, being amended to meet the difficulty of bringing such goods within its provisions. A bill with this object will shortly be placed before the Legislative Council. The amendments proposed also make it an offence to import goods bearing a false trade mark or trade description in addition to selling such goods.

TELEGRAMS.

CURING RAW RUBBER.

A NEW PROCESS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Singapore reports that a demonstration of curing raw rubber with vapour has been carried out at Kuala Lumpur in the presence of the Chief Secretary of the F.M.S., the Director of Agriculture and many planters. The process occupied two hours.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Various Quarters.)

Killed by a Tiger.

Kuala Lumpur, March 10.
The bodies of a Sakai woman and a Javanese coolie minus one leg were found on a small island opposite Carey Island, on Saturday afternoon.

Both had been killed by a tiger which a week ago caught and mangled a native.
The tracks were followed by a party of Europeans but the tiger has not yet been discovered.

Anarchy in Mexico.
Washington, March 10.—Mexico gained nothing by acquiescing to the dictatorship established by Huerta after the final engagement between Madero and Diaz, for the country is now a seething turmoil of anarchy and revolt against the new leadership.

In Sonora, where recently an abortive effort was made to establish government independence of the Mexican union, the presence of federal troops ordered there by Huerta has caused rioting, and many of the soldiers have lost their lives in attempting to quell the savage outbursts of the people. Assassination is resorted to by the dissatisfied secessionists, and a condition of uncertainty governs.

In the Oahu district rebellion against the rule of Huerta has taken positive form, and bands are organizing to make war upon the federals sent there to enforce submission to the new regime.

Cohnia and Agua Prieta are no better off, and affairs are generally shaping for a new revolution.

Ambassador Wilson has warned Americans residing in the rebellious districts to leave the country, as the Mexican Government cannot assure their safety. Many are taking advantage of this warning, but others elect to remain and brave the fortunes of war.

MARVEL OF THE CINEMA.

Egg Growing into Chicken.

Brooklyn and New York doctors have had an opportunity of seeing by means of the cinematograph film the mysterious progress of life from the egg to the chicken in connection with the reading of a paper by Dr. John E. M'Whorter, investigator under the Oricker Research Fund.

The film had been exposed inside of an incubator after the shell had been removed from the egg by an extremely delicate operation. The pictures showed each stage of development from the time the nucleus responded to the consistent and even temperature of the incubator until the heart was completely formed, and it became the centre of the animal mechanism.

There was an outburst of applause from the spectators when the heart grew to the maturity that it reaches in a full-grown chicken, and started to force the blood through its outlets.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME WEATHER.

GALE AND SNOW.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 17.

A gale is now blowing along the coasts at Home, and there is deep snow in many places. Telephones and telegraphs have been affected.

LONDON'S LAST GLIMPSE OF CAPTAIN SCOTT.

A Special Cinematograph Scene.

Curiously enough the last news of Captain Scott and his comrades to reach Londoners was brought us by the cinematograph, writes the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." Only a few months ago there was a special show at the Palace Theatre of the second batch of films brought home by Mr. Postings, the photographer to the expedition. The pictures gave a wonderfully intimate glimpse of the life of the expedition. The point about them was their homeliness. There was far less than is usual with such scenes of picturesque or magnificent views of nature or of illimitable snow, and far more of the actual life of the men living there remote from their kind and yet happy in their companionship.

The films—technically they are among the best ever taken—seemed to bring Scott and his friends right in among us in that thick London atmosphere. You watched them busy inside and out of the snug night shelter, getting all ship-shape at the end of toilsome marches, alert and businesslike at their protective tasks to keep death at bay, and yet with time for jesting. The last glimpse of all sticks in the memory. It showed us Scott and half-a-dozen men settling down for the night. We saw them huddled round the little stove where the soup was preparing, and relishing it hugely. Then pipes were brought out, and there was a last whiff and a chat before the men squirmed into the great furry sleeping bags like so many mighty caterpillars; and then, snuggling close to one another to keep one another a little nearer to warmth, they lay down and the film flicked and ended in darkness.

And here was a theatrical of absorbed people silent and blinking at the lighted screen. It was like the snuffing of a spell. We were brought back with a rush from the little warm circle of humanity in that desperate wilderness to the security and gossip of London.

His Last Lecture.

Many of us knew that afternoon that Captain Scott's wife and his mother were sitting in one of the boxes seeing with us this chapter in the exile-life of their loved one. People went away from the theatre saying to one another, "Well, we shall be hearing some news of them soon," and perhaps they fell just a bit more about Amundsen's feat. My final view of Scott was his strong, laughing face looking out of the lighted screen—the comrade by his side had evidently made a joke—before he lay down to sleep. The last time I saw him before he went, he explained his plans at the Royal Institution. I remember the discreetly interested audience of scientists in evening dress filling the old theatre, and Captain Scott reading in his unimpassioned voice the minutely practical sketch of his plans. There was not a touch of rhetoric; it was simply the calm, confident account of a man who had thought out his plan to the last detail, and meant to follow it.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH POLICY.

SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
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M. Poincare, the French President, in the course of a speech at the Spring review of the Paris Garrison at Vincennes, said that while France is anxious to maintain her place in the world intact, and wishes to be able to defend her honour, she daily proves her pacific intentions by contributing unreservedly to the European entente. The Government would continue unwaveringly in the policy of peace and dignity, at the same time having regard to the interests of France.

The fervent enthusiasm of the quarter of a million spectators assembled entirely eclipsed a simultaneous open-air meeting of 15,000 Socialists held near St. Gervais to protest against the Triennium Bill.

White Men From Black.

"It is easy to get a man with white skin, blue eyes, and brown hair from a dark race," declared Professor Karl Pearson in a lecture on adult albinism at London University College. He said that, given a few generations and absolute power to do as he liked, he would get a white man from a dark race.

Octogenarian Guardians.

The death has occurred at The Elms, Northwich, of Mr. William Hardie, the veteran member of the Northwich Board of Guardians, who had attained the age of 87. Mr. Hardie was of the three octogenarian members of the Northwich Guardians, of which he had been a member for nearly forty years.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Prince of Wales has been promoted Lieutenant in the Navy.

England beat Wales in an Association football match by 4 goals to 3.

The Powers refuse to entertain the Allies' demand of a war indemnity.

A gale is being experienced on the coasts at Home, and there is deep snow in many places.

Turkish troops at Adrianople are deserting and surrendering at the rate of 50 or 60 daily.

A new process of curing raw rubber with vapour has been carried out at Kuala Lumpur.

The Canadian Government is taking measures to check the obstruction by the Opposition in the naval debate.

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There is considerable Unionist criticism of the Army Estimates, especially at the inadequacy of provision for aviation.

In the House of Commons Mr. Acland replied to questions concerning Tibet's freedom to enter into independent engagements.

The "Times" comments on the tea trade in optimistic tone, saying producers in India and Ceylon may be especially hopeful.

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LOCAL.

The "Court Cards" concluded their season last night.

Judgment was delivered today in the Talati case.

We understand that Miss Miriam Monteith has been released from Victoria Gaol.

The charge against a German of photographing fortifications was again heard to-day.

A man was found guilty this morning of stealing brass from the cable ship Recorder.

A clerk in the employ of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. was charged this morning with stealing press-copied business letters.

The bank note case was continued before the Chief Justice this morning. Mr. Jenkin protested against Mr. Slade making "little speeches."

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijon 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
Organ Recital St. John's Cathedral 5.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijon 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.
H.K. Golf Club meeting—5.30 p.m.

Thursday March 20.
The China Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., meeting—noon.
Entries Close H.K. Volunteer Res. Annual Rifle meeting—noon.
Drawing of Debentures H.K. Club, 11 a.m.

Friday March 21.
Selections from Messiah, St. John's Cathedral 9 p.m.
Monday March 24.
Volunteer Reserves Rifle Meeting, King's Park.
Sale of Crown Land, P.W.D. 13 p.m.

Tuesday March 25.
China Sugar Refining Co. meeting—noon.
London Sugar Refining Co. meeting—12.15 p.m.

Saturday March 22.
Boxing, City Hall 9 p.m.
Wednesday March 26.
H.K. Club, Yearly General Meeting—5.15 p.m.

Saturday March 23.
Oxford and Cambridge Dinner, R.H.K. Yacht Club 8 p.m.

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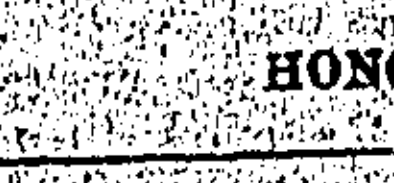
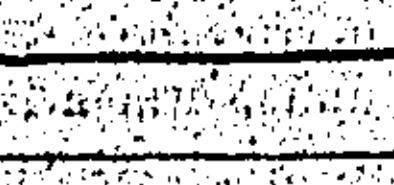
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South China Morning Post.

British Naval Budget.

Battleships have increased in
size and cost and consequently
either take longer time to con-
struct or necessitate the employ-
ment of more men. The great
difficulty that confronts the dock-
yards and shipbuilding com-
panies nowadays is the in-
sufficiency of skilled labour. To
cope with the surfeit of work in
hand, dockyards are working day
and night shifts and overtime
and they have recruited about all
the available men. Special in-
ducements have had little effect
owing to the depletion of the
supply of workmen through the
activities of emigration agents.
Private shipbuilders are in the
same fix. If Canada therefore
thinks she can build her own
ships, let her do so. It is a mat-
ter of urgency and it would be
folly to crowd British shipyards
with the extra burden of building
to Canada's order when the
already have more work on hand
than they can comfortably manage.
The fine points of the Budget
have not been overlooked abroad,
the "remarkable" feature of
which, according to "Der Ostasi-
atische Lloyd" is that it contains
no unfriendly hint to Germany.

China Mail.

Shipbuilding and shipping Japan.
Four steamers having a gross
tonnage of 16,811 tons, were com-
pleted during the year under the law
for encouraging shipbuilding. The
subsidised steamship lines now
number twenty-four, which op-
erate on most commercial routes
throughout the world, except in
the Atlantic Ocean. With the
completion of the Panama Canal,
Japanese steamers will probably
visit the Atlantic seaboard,
particularly in connection
with the extensive raw-
cotton freight traffic. The man-
agers of the Japanese steamship
lines engaged in the European
trade, and that of the North and
South American seaboard, have
given a great deal of attention to
the charges in the situation likely
to be introduced by the comple-
tion of the canal. Just what plan
will be finally adopted is not yet
known, but small round-the-world
Japanese service in due course is
predicted. It seems, however,
that definite plans must be held
in abeyance until it is known what
the canal charges are to be.

Daily Press.

Punishment of Opium Smokers.
It is frequently boasted in the
Chinese Press that since the
establishment of the Republic
great attention has been paid to
the independence of the judiciary
and to improvement in the pro-
cedure of the Courts, all this be-
ing done with the ultimate ob-
ject of recovering jurisdiction in
those places where extrater-
ritorial jurisdiction is exercised by
foreign Powers. It is very evident
from what is happening in regard
to the suppression of the opium
traffic that both the law and the
Courts are being entirely ignored
in not one province only, but in
many. When attention was
drawn to this matter in the
British House of Commons
some time ago, with the object of
getting the British Government
to convey to the Chinese Govern-
ment its disapprobation of such
barbarous acts, the Under Sec-
retary of State briefly replied that
it was no concern of the British
Government. That is true only
to a limited extent; it surely is a
matter of some importance to a
civilised Power which is asked to
formally recognise the new Re-
public to know not only some-
thing of the nature of its laws, but
also how they are administered.

Education in China.

Chang Ping-chian and seven
other officials have been appoint-
ed by the Ministry of Education
to make a tour of inspection
as to the results achieved by
educationalists throughout the
Chinese Republic. Three of them
doing two or three provinces in-
dependently.For a full and complete list of
the names of the officials and the
names of the provinces to be
visited, see the list published in
the Daily Press.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Shanghai Tramways.
The work of laying the tramway from the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway Station to the Tungkadoo Wharf in single track, with three shunting sections, and from Tungkadoo Wharf to the 16th Ward Bridge in double tracks, has now been begun in earnest by the Nantao Tramcar Company. If nothing untoward happens in the meantime, the above tracks will all be laid by May 9 next, says the "N. China Daily News."

Prohibition of Veronal.
The Secretary of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society at home has long been in communication with the Home Office with a view to having veronal and its allied compounds placed on the list of prohibited poisons. A resolution asking that the drug be so dealt with under Part II of the schedule of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, has already been sent to the Privy Council, but its form has been objected to. The society, which is still in communication with the Home Office, is convinced by the frequency with which veronal figures conspicuously in the evidence at coroners' inquests that it should be removed from the easy reach of the public.

Rudeness of a Maharajah.
An incident recalling the behaviour of the Gaekwar at the Durbar is being much discussed, says a Calcutta dispatch. It appears that the Lieutenant-Governor of the United Provinces was invited to be present at Balarampur for the wedding of the Chief's daughter to the heir of the Maharajah of Jeypur, a Madras dignitary not to be confused with the Rajput Jaipur. The Madras Chief kept Sir James Meeson and the European guests waiting for two days and avoided the visits of ceremony. Finally when the hour of the marriage arrived he sent the Lieutenant-Governor word that he must still wait as the Prince was unfed. Sir James Meeson, whose forbearance so far had been remarkable, then refused to be present. The "Pioneer" remarks that the kindness shown to the Gaekwar of Baroda is now bearing evil fruit.

Rugby Players in Prison.
The Welsh Rugby football team representing the County of Monmouthshire had two unpleasant experiences at Bordeaux. In the first place they were beaten by the local University team, and in the second place they got into trouble with the police. After the match the Welshmen were dined by the victorious home team, and after the banquet, on their way home, they amused themselves by knocking at all the doors they came across. They were requested by cyclist police to desist, but apparently failed to understand. An English-speaking gendarme explained that they were policemen, and as soon as they heard this, it is reported, the Welshmen attacked the police, one of whom was seriously injured. Four of the team were arrested, and at the police court Jenkins was sent to prison for a month, with 50 francs fine, and Oliver, Simon, and Jones to fifteen days' imprisonment and 50 francs fine.

Where Water is Expensive.
Aden has no fresh water supply of its own, and at present depends upon condensed seawater, says the American Consul stationed there. While good, this water is expensive and entirely beyond the reach of the poorer classes. It costs 3s. per 100 gallons. The natives, therefore, have been forced to use a more or less brackish water sent down from Lahaj by caravan, for which they pay 1s. 8d. per 100 gallons. The Government has considered it advisable to furnish a suitable water supply for the city, with the result that large sums have been expended in deep well borings in the Abdal country. A good supply of water has been found, it is said. This project contemplates the piping of water from Lahaj, distant approximately thirty miles, to Aden. A well has been sunk, and while the first samples of water were pronounced unfit by Bombay chemists, because of their heavy chlorides, a subsequent sample sent to London has been pronounced good. It is not improbable (adds the Consul) that the British Government will push the undertaking to a successful conclusion in a year.

EASTERTIDE.

Holy Week at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The "Tenebrae" Offices for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are said and sung (by way of anticipation) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. At the close of the Psalms the Gloria Patri is omitted, and one of the fifteen candles in the triangular candlestick is extinguished.

Wednesday Evening.
First Nocturn.—Ant. Zelus domus tue & psalm lxxviii.—"Save me, O God"; second psalm lxxix.—"O God come to my assistance"; third psalm lxx.—"In thee, O Lord, I have hoped"; Ant. Deus meus, eripe me. Pater noster (secret).—Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet, Chap. I 3 Lessons.—Resp. Ecce vidimus, &c.

Second Nocturn.—Ant. Liberavit Dominus & psalm lxxxi.—"Give to the king Thy judgment"; psalm lxxii.—"How good is God to Israel"; psalm lxxiii.—"O God, why hast Thou cast us off"; Ant. Exurge Domine—Pater noster (secret). Lessons from the treatise of St. Augustine upon the psalms; Resp. Unus ex discipulis meis, &c.

Third Nocturn.—Ant. Dixi iniquis & psalm lxxiv.—"We will praise Thee"; psalm lxxv.—"In Judea God is known"; psalm lxxvi.—"I cried to the Lord"; Ant. In die tribulationis meae; Lessons from the first Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians; Resp. Seniores populi.

At Lauds.—Ant. Justificatio Domini & psalm l.—"Have mercy on me"; psalm lxxxix.—"Lord, Thou hast been our refuge"; psalm lxxii.—"O God, my God" psalm lxxvi.—"My God have mercy on me"; Ant. Contritum est et exhortatus es. The Canticle of Moses; Cantemus Domino; psalm Cxlviii.—"Praise ye the Lord"; psalm Cxlix—"Sing ye to the Lord"; psalm C.—"Praise ye the Lord"; the Canticle of Zacharias (Luke I, and 8) "Blessed be the Lord".
Ant. Traditor autem dedit.—All the candles in the triangular candlestick being extinguished (except that at the top) the six candles on the altar are also extinguished one by one during the singing of the Benedictus, at every second verse, so that the whole may be put out at the last verse. In like manner all the lamps and lights in the Church are put out. When the Antiphon "Traditor" is repeated, the candle is taken from the top of the triangular candlestick and hidden under the Epistle side of the altar whilst all kneel and say: "Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem"—Pater noster (sub silentio); then is said in a little more audible tone the psalm Miserere, and at the end thereof the prayer Responde quæsumus Domine; this being ended, a noise is made and immediately the lighted candle is brought from beneath the altar, and all rise and depart in silence. This concludes the "Tenebrae" Offices.

Maundy Thursday.
Pontifical Mass and Consecration of the Holy Oil at 8 a.m., and washing of the feet at 11 a.m. Mass and Adoration of the Holy Sacrament at 8 a.m. The Holy Sacrament is carried in procession after the Mass and placed on a special Throne surrounded with lighted candles and flowers and kept the whole day and night for public adoration. The Tenebrae Offices in the evening begin at 5 p.m. as on the previous evening.

Good Friday.
The Procession of the Holy Sacrament at 7.30 a.m. with Lesson from Osee vi. 6.—"Thou saith the Lord" following the Holy Week Book till the E-vo Lignum Crucis when the Crucifix will be uncovered and laid down on a place prepared for it before the altar of adoration. The Bishop and the Clergy, with their shoes off, will proceed to adore the Cross, kneeling down three times before they kiss it; then the Cross is placed in the "chancel" for the public to adore. During the adoration the Reproaches are sung by the choir without the organ. Towards the end of the Adoration, the Celebrant goes in procession to bring back the Blessed Sacrament from the place where it was deposited on the preceding day. During the procession—Vexilla regia procedunt in sung. Having placed

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the Holy Sacrament on the Altar, the Celebrant kneeling, incenses it. Then having deposited the Host on the corporal, and taken wine and water into the chalice, he incenses the oblation and the Altar; and after the Lavabo he elevates the Sacred Host, then recites the Domine non sum dignus and receives the Blessed Sacrament; then follows the ablution of wine and water; he concludes the prayer in secret and retires from the Altar. The "Way of the Cross" functions then follow; the Stabat Mater being sung at intervals. In the evening the "Tenebrae" Offices start about 5 o'clock, concluding with a special sermon on the Passion and Death of our Lord and the desolation of the Blessed Mother of Sorrows.

Holy Saturday.
Blessing of the Paschal Candle and of the fonts commences at 6.30 a.m., followed by the High Solemn Alleluia Mass; previous to the Mass the Twelve Prophets and the Litany of all Saints are sung. As Gloria in excelsis Deo is sung by the officiating clergy, all the bells are rung and flowers strewn in the Church, the choir responding Alleluia.—There is no evening service.

Easter Sunday.
Pontifical Mass at 8 o'clock in the morning with Papal Blessing, and in the evening solemn Vespers at 5.30 with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

ELOPING VICAR.

Expects to Get Three Months.

The Cape Town correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" describing the arrival of Mr Albert Knight and Miss Grimes on the Port Lincoln at Cape Town, says that Mr Knight, in an interview, went into his rescue work in great detail, saying:—

"If they will read the letters in the right hand drawer of my writing-desk, they will get some idea of the number of girls I have saved. It was no good attempting anything in clerical dress. I used, with a loafer, and frequent the public-house. We were often solicited by women, and saw the terrible traffic from the inside. Miss Grimes was in charge of some factory girls. She helped me greatly. She was the only woman who really believed in me and sympathised with me. She was attacked on every side. One of my wardens told me that if I did not cease to frequent the lower parts of the town my church would be empty, so I came away with the only woman who understood and sympathised with me."
"But what about your wife?" I said.
He looked pained. "She never understood," he said. "She did not believe in me. I have no word against her, but she doubted me. That made the position im-

possible. I hoped they would think me dead. I hoped thereby to avoid dishonouring the Church. If they had only left the matter where it was, and left me as dead, it would have been well. I suppose I shall get three months when I get to Australia for giving a false name and description.
"Do you love the lady? Does she love you?" he said.
"Devotedly," he said.
"Then you are happy?"
He looked a little doubtful.
"We shall be," he said, "when all the bother is over." Knight then clasped his hands nervously. "I want you to understand," he added, "that there was nothing wrong between us before we left. There is nothing wrong now." He declared his intention of making a completely fresh start.

Deeds of the Scott Expedition.
The total cost of Captain Scott's expedition has been roughly £20,000, and of this about £14,000 still remains owing—£10,000 on account of the cost of the ship, victualling, wages, etc., and about £4,000 in connection with scientific equipment.

This latter sum Captain Scott hoped to repay by the proceeds of his book and lectures on his return.
The World's Divisions.
Great Britain, or rather the British Empire, owns the largest share of the earth. The figures are as follow: British Empire, in square miles, 11,371,000; Russia, 8,000,000; Chinese Empire 4,248,000; United States (continental), 3,000,000; Brazil, 3,200,000. These five nations own two-thirds of the world. It must be remembered that to the area of the United States as much as 200,000 square miles must be added to take in the newly acquired overseas possessions.

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APPEAL DISMISSED

Judges Concur in an Interesting Case.

This morning judgments were read by the Chief Justice, Sir W. Ross Davies K. C., and The Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the appeal case in which, Kang Yang Che was the appellant, and Kwok Siu Lau the respondent. The appellant asked that the judgment in the action dated November 9, 1912, might be reversed in so far as it directed that a lease dated March 1, 1911, made between Mr. G. H. Seth on the one part, and the appellant on the other, be null and void as against Kwok Siu Lau and that the judgment might be reversed in so far as it directed that the respondent was entitled to the possession of the premises, No. 256 Queen's Road.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, appeared in support of the appeal, and Mr. M. W. Slade K.C., instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, of Messrs Brutton and Hett, for the respondent.

President's Judgment.
In a written judgment, the President of the Appeal Court, Sir Haviland de Saumarez pointed out that the lease to the defendant, in the original action, Kang Yang Che, was granted by a receiver appointed by the Court. It was dated March, 1911. On October 11, 1910, the Plaintiff made one agreement to purchase from the owner the whole of a property which included that leased to the defendant. An assignment to the plaintiff was executed on January 17, 1912, and registered at the Land Office on January 18. The agreement to purchase was registered on November 21, 1911. At the time of signing the agreement plaintiff paid part of the purchase money, and was a bona fide purchaser for he had no notice of the lease. He, however, knew of it before registration on November 21. The lease was never registered.

His Lordship pointed out that the preamble of the Land Registration Ordinance, showed that the purpose of the ordinance was to prevent secret and fraudulent consequences, but its further object "is to provide means whereby the title to real and immovable property may be easily traced and ascertained." In this further object it went entirely beyond the Middlesex Act, and therefore they might expect to find provision for a perfect registry as well as for the prevention of fraud.

He was of opinion that the appeal should be dismissed with costs.

Chief Justice Agrees.

The Chief Justice agreed generally with the conclusions arrived at by the Presiding Judge. There was a good deal of new matter introduced in argument on appeal, and he thought it desirable to express in a few words the construction which he also placed on sections 3, and 4, of the Ordinance. Section 3, subsection 1, dealt with unregistered deeds and provided that deeds which were not registered, should be void "as against any subsequent bona fide purchaser or mortgagee for valuable consideration of the same parcels." And he agreed that it applied whether the subsequent purchaser had registered or not, and that the object of the ordinance was to enforce registration, the question of postponing a prior to a subsequent unregistered deed was apparently not regarded by the legislature as an element of weight.

He concurred with his learned others that the assignment was an assignment of the property and not of reversion.

Puisne Judge Concur.

The Puisne Judge, concurring, said in this case the respondent had entered upon negotiations, executed a binding agreement to purchase, and paid a deposit; all in absolute good faith; and with no notice of the appellant's lease. He saw nothing fraudulent in his then going on to complete his purchase and obtaining the protection the law offered him. Why should he be put to inconvenience by the appellant's negligence? The appeal was dismissed with costs.

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Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held at the office of the general agents (Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) last Wednesday. Mr. David Landale presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. R. Kinnear, H. A. J. Macray, A. M. Marshall and C. W. Wrightson, Directors; Messrs. J. M. Young, A. R. Wilson, A. Stott, J. R. Elias, R. H. Elias, B. A. Clarke, T. R. Wheelock, R. E. Kadcorie, P. Chambers and J. J. Dunne (Acting Secretary).

The Acting Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, The Chairman said: Gentlemen, As the Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. I will now ask the Secretary of the Company to read the Auditors' Report in accordance with the Hongkong Companies' Ordinances under which this Company is constituted.

The report, having been read, the Chairman continued:—The result of the year's working is a considerable improvement upon that of the preceding year, the balance of the 1912 Working Account being Tls. 370,479.07 as against Tls. 236,621.30 for 1911. This gives us a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of Tls. 174,370.57 after the interim dividend of Tls. 3 per share paid in August, has been deducted, and enables your Directors to recommend the payment of a final dividend of Tls. 4 per share making 7 per cent for the year and to place Tls. 25,000 to Repairs Account.

A sum of Tls. 24,012.60 has been spent on repairs during the year, which is Tls. 4,612.60 in excess of the provision made from the 1911 Account. Gar godowns are in good order and our wharves are being kept in a serviceable condition, but no more is being spent than is absolutely necessary upon wharves which are within the normal line, in case they have eventually to be replaced by others in the positions required by the River Conservancy. We handled a much larger number of steamers during the year under review than in the preceding year and we have had more cargo on storage. The present year has commenced well.

If any shareholder desires any further information regarding the Accounts I shall be happy to give it him to the best of my ability.

There were no questions, and the following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. A. M. Marshall: That the Report and Accounts, as presented, be passed and adopted.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Young and seconded by Mr. B. A. Clarke: That Messrs. H. R. Kinnear, H. A. J. Macray, A. M. Marshall, C. W. Wrightson, together with the senior member of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., be re-elected Directors of the Company for the current year.

Proposed by Mr. J. B. Elias and seconded by Mr. T. B. Wheelock that Messrs. G. R. Wingrove and H. W. G. Hayter be re-elected auditors of the Company for the current year.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. B. Kinnear: That a final dividend of Tls. 4 per share be declared for the year 1912.

Mr. A. Stott said that there was a rumour about the effect that the Company was negotiating to sell a portion of their property. Was that so? The Chairman replied that no negotiations were going on directly between the Company and anybody for the sale of any portion of their property. They had had, through a broker, an inquiry as to what price they would accept for a portion of their property and a reply had been given that an offer at a certain figure would be considered. There was nothing more definite than that was able to give Mr. Stott. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Cadmus	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. H. Williams	Shanghai
Cherub	Water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	British sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Comdr. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hongkong
Fame	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,700	Lt.-Com. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Flora	2nd class cruiser	4,350	10	7,000	Capt. C. F. Corbett M.V.O.	Shanghai
Handy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	295	6	4,000	Lt.-Com. F. G. Brickenden	West River
Janus	Torpedo-boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lt.-Com. Boddam Whetham	Hongkong
Kent	1st class cruiser	9,000	14	22,000	Capt. Allen-T. Hunt O.S.I.	Hongkong
Kinsla	River gunboat	618	4	1,200	Lt.-Com. H. Marryatt	Yangtze
Merlin	Surveying ship	1,040	—	—	Capt. F. O. C. Pasco	Hongkong
Minotaur	1st class cruiser	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. G. O. C. O'Leary	Hongkong
Monmouth	1st class cruiser	9,800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Barttelot	Hongkong
Moorhen	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Hongkong
Newcastle	2nd class cruiser	4,800	12	22,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Hongkong
Nightingale	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. M. Murray	Yangtze
Otter	Torpedo-boat	385	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. E. T. R. Chambers	Canton
Ribble	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Com. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Hongkong
Robin	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Rosario	Depotship for Submarines	980	—	1,400	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Sandpiper	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. L. S. Hutton	Hongkong
Snake	River gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Maurice Leslie	Yangtze
Taku	Torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6,000	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamar	Receiving ship	4,650	6	—	Com. R. H. Anstruther O.M.G.	Hongkong
Teal	River gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Hon. Guy Stepford	Yangtze
Thistle	Gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cotrell	Dormer Yangtze
Uak	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Canton
Virago	Torpedo-boat destroyer	355	6	6,300	Lt.-Com. H. D. Adair-Hall	Hongkong
Welland	Torpedo-boat destroyer	590	—	7,500	Com. Seymour	Hongkong
Whiting	Torpedo-boat destroyer	360	6	5,300	Com. R. Neville	Hongkong
Widgeon	Gunboat	105	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. J. C. Borrett	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. B. Blackwood	Yangtze
Woodlark	Gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Shanghai
C. 36	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
C. 37	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. A. A. L. Fenner	Hongkong
C. 38	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
T.B. 035	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Handley	West River
T.B. 036	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Stileman	Hongkong
T.B. 037	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. Nicol	Hongkong
T.B. 038	—	—	—	—	Lt.-Com. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Admiral Sir A. L. Winsloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. Commander-in-Chief.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Armoured cruiser	4,000	45	8,000	Capt. Hanta	Shanghai
French.						
Dupleix	Armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Vergos	Shanghai
Kleber	Armoured cruiser	9,700	12	19,600	Capt. Courts	Hongkong
Decidee	Gunboat	645	10	1,000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	River gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	Gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Canton
Poibo	Gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongku
Dondard de Lagree	Gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutemps	Tongku
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloche de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	Submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boluix	Saigon
Protee	Submarine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Slyx	Armoured gunboat	1,708	10	1,700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	Destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
d'Iberville	Destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	Destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessac	Saigon
Mousquet	Destroyer	307	8	300	—	Saigon
Manche	Surveying-ship	1,625	10	9,000	Com. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Commodore Boucaut, Commanding the local defence Indochina.						
German.						
Emden	Cruiser	3,600	22	13,500	Capt. v. Restorff	Swatow
Gneisenau	Armoured cruiser	11,600	36	26,000	Captain Brunninghaus	Tsingtau
Itis	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	Gunboat	900	12	1,300	Comdr. Vanselow	Tsingtau
Leipzig	Cruiser	3,250	24	11,000	Capt. Behncke	Tsingtau
Luchs	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tsingtau
Nurnburg	Cruiser	3,400	22	13,200	Capt. Morsberger	Tsingtau
Otter	River gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Fife	Yangtze
Schornborst	Flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. Rosing	Shanghai
S. 80	Torpedo-boat	400	8	6,500	Capt. Lt. Berrenberg	Tsingtau
Taku	Torpedo-boat	280	4	6,000	Obit. z. S. Claassen	Tsingtau
Tiger	Gunboat	900	10	1,350	Comdr. Becker	Tsingtau
Tsingtau	River gunboat	223	4	1,800	Capt. Lt. Erhr. Speth v. Schulzburg	Canton
Wienland	River gunboat	223	4	500	Obit. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2,145	—	—	Com. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai

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Portuguese.						
Adamastor	Cruiser	1,757	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patria	Gunboat	700	—	—	Capt. Jose de Carvalho Orato	Macao

UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

A-2	Submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. McC. Murray	Cavite
A-4	"	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	"
A-6	"	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	"
A-7	"	—	—	—	Ensign C. M. Yates	"
Libany	Protected cruiser	3,430	10	7,500	Commander M. L. Bristol	Cruising
Bainbridge	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Ensign H. M. Jones	Cavite
Barry	Torpedo-boat des.	420	7	8,000	Lieut. R. Hill	"
Callao	Gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign W. L. Heibarg	Canton
Chanucy	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
Cincinnati	Protected cruiser	3,133	11	10,000	Com. S. S. Robinson	Cruising
Dale	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	Cavite
Decatur	Torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8,000	Lieut. B. H. Green	"
Elcano	Gunboat	620	4	800	Lt. Com. V. S. Gannon	Shanghai
Helena	Gunboat	1,302	8	1,988	Com. G. R. Marvell	Shanghai
Mohican	Station ship	1,900	6	1,100	Lieut. E. V. Lowe	Cavite
Monadnock	Monitor	3,980	6	3,000	Lieut. E. P. Svars	Olongapo
Monterey	Monitor	4,084	4	6,277	Com. J. V. Chase	"
Pampanga	Gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
Piscataqua	Sea going tug	854	2	1,600	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Canton
Pompey	Repair ship	3,085	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
Quinos	Gunboat	350	2	208	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
Rainbow	Cruiser	4,360	14	1,800	Lt. Com. D. W. Wartzbaugh	Swatow
Samar	Gunboat	243	8	250	Lieut. G. O. Dichenan	Shanghai
Saratoga**	Cruiser	8,115	14	17,401	Commander H. A. Wiley	Swatow
Villalobos	Gunboat	370	9	208	Lieut. E. Darr	Shanghai
Wilkinson	Gunboat	1,392	8	1,894	Commander J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
Wompatuck	Tug	462	—	650	Chief B. Swain, P. E. Radcliffe	Olongapo
** U. S. S. Saratoga, Flagship Rear Admiral R. F. Nicholson, Commander-in-Chief, United States Asiatic Fleet, temporarily.						

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BIRTHS.
LINTON.—On March 9, at Chatsworth Grange Road, Singapore, the wife of A. R. Linton, of a son.
FLEMING.—On March 10, 1913, at "Wallfien," No 1 Jessfield Road, Shanghai, to Mr and Mrs Douglas Fleming, a son.

MARRIAGES.
MAYNE-BIDWELL.—On March 11, 1913, Miss H. M. Connel General, Sir E. D. H. Fraser, K.C.M.G., and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church, George Edward Olway, eldest son of the late Blair E. Mayne and Mrs. H. S. Bidwell, of Shanghai, to Geraldine, fourth daughter of the late Mr and Mrs H. S. Bidwell, of Shanghai.

GRANT-HAWTHORNE.—On March 11, 1913, at U.M. Consulate General, Shanghai, and afterwards at the First Chinese Church, Market Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hawthorne, to Charles Pearson Grant.

DEATHS.
KAHLER.—On March 12, 1913, at Tientsin, Walter Franz Kähler, a prisoner Chinese Maritime Customs, aged 51 years.

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SLAV V. TEUTON.

At the present moment there is no more burning question in European politics than that of Germany's big forward plunge in military expenditure. In seeking the real reason for the abnormally large votes made, commentators have advanced numerous explanations, but in most instances these have naturally been little else than shrewd guesses, built up on varying bases according to the pet theories of the particular writers. Many have held the notion that it is primarily against France that the new movement has been directed, and those who have thought thus must have pointed as proof of their beliefs to the recent sensational article printed by the "Koelnische Zeitung," wherein it was very pointedly observed that Germany and her near neighbour were bound to cross swords; when, none could tell.

It will be remembered, however, that it has since been declared in Berlin that the article referred to was in no wise officially inspired and it was denied that the increase in the Army was due to any change for the worse in the relations between Germany and her neighbours. The "Norddeutsche Zeitung" explains the Army Bills by "the shifting of the balance of power in the Balkans." This explanation, coming from such a well-informed quarter, is charged with deep significance in view of some recent comments from the Berlin correspondent of the London "Morning Post." After dilating on the point that for years past the German people have been told that the British Empire is the obstacle in the path which leads to their proper place in the world, the writer asserts that politicians have suddenly realised that another factor exists which is not merely an obstacle, but a moving force which it may be difficult for the German nation to withstand. This factor is the reanimation of the Slav. That there is something in this submission, appears evident from the circumstance that many German newspapers candidly admit that what is happening to-day in the Balkans is merely the prelude to the preparation for a great decisive struggle between the Teuton and the Slav. Turkey is being demolished, it is pointed out, by the Southern Slavs, and a country disappears which would naturally have fought on the side of Germany in case of a European war. Another fact which is being much commented upon is that while the birth-rate in Germany is beginning seriously to decline, the Slav race is prolific. In this connection the steadily advancing Russian birth-rate is especially emphasised.

Without doubt, the trend of events in the Balkans is such that it must command the attention of a country like Germany. Slav predominance in central Europe is slowly coming about, and, in view of the turn which events are taking, it is not surprising to read that "the seriousness of the situation is recognised, though it may be used for the present only to assist the passage of the new Army Bills through the Reichstag." These words were written quite a month ago, and when placed side by side with the observation of the "Norddeutsche Zeitung" that the new Bills are rendered necessary by "the shifting of the balance of power in the Balkans," they are pregnant with significance. The similarity of view point is most arresting.

A Law Court Defect.

The heavy rains of yesterday made very apparent a defect in the Law Courts, which may be more emphasised during the torrential rains of the typhoon season. Beneath the dome of the Chief Justice's court, the hall is lighted by a large window space, that, at either extremity, opens out direct on to the roof near the elevated portions which are roofed in Korean fashion. It is almost obligatory that the windows should be open, for ventilation purposes, and yesterday they were so, until the rain falling from the eaves created such a noisy splashing, that both the judge and counsel had to make unusual effort to make themselves heard. Unfortunately the defect is not very apparent except to those who are actively engaged in the routine of the court; otherwise it is more than probable that the matter would have been righted earlier; but the strain on a pleader's voice must indeed be great when he has to make extra effort to be heard, in a speech which may last two or three hours or even a whole day.

Reaping their Reward.

It is evident, from the latest wires to hand, that the public has had about enough of those fanatical creatures known as the "suffragettes." The British public is proverbially long-suffering, but there is a limit to its patience. As long as the "striking sisterhood" confined their activities to harmless little pranks, nobody minded. But when it came to blowing up residences, willfully damaging sporting grounds, destroying priceless plants and flowers, to say nothing of window smashing and the pillar-box outrages, the limit of endurance was reached. No wonder, therefore, that these silly women have now incurred very marked popular hostility. It must have been a sorry sight to see these law-breakers chased up and down Oxford Street by an infuriated crowd for half an hour on end. But the irony of the situation is, that while these vote-at-any-price women openly defy the law in furthering their aims, they are only too glad to fly to police protection in the hour of their extremity. We are not a little bit sorry for these madcaps when they are mobbed and hunted as they were on Sunday. What they need is punishment of the type meted out to Chinese offenders in this Colony—a period of rigorous imprisonment "and four hours' stocks!"

THE COURT CARDS.

No finer tribute to any company of entertainers could have been paid than the crowded house which gathered at the Theatre Royal last night, despite the inclemency of the weather, to give the "Court Cards" a right royal send-off. Amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor and Lady May and family. The programme, needless to say, was of the highest standard of excellence, and all the artists excelled in their particular spheres. The ladies, of course, had magnificent receptions. Miss Marden Owen was in splendid voice, while Miss Maude Fane was as clever and vivacious as ever; she made a great hit in her song about "the naughty little twinkle," which was given by special request. A word should also be penned of the concerted "farm-yard" effort, which was splendidly done. Mr. Reginald Palmer also did his well-known military officer "turn" in imitable style. All the others scored big successes as well; in fact, it was an evening of brilliant achievements, and repeated encores.

At the close of the performance there was a marked demonstration of approval by the audience, and, in response to repeated calls, Mr. Edgar Warwick appeared before the footlights and in a few brief words thanked the public of Hongkong for the liberal patronage extended to the company.

Opium Smoker.

Nine Chinese were charged by Inspection Goulay, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with smoking opium in a house at Shaikwan. They were each fined \$5 or in default fourteen days.

DAY BY DAY.

Life is an art in which we are too often mere dabblers. We must take our degree at the cost of our heart's blood.

The Malls.
German Mail.—Closes per a.s. P. E. Friedrich at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per a.s. P. E. Friedrich this morning.
H.M.S. Monmouth.
The cruiser Monmouth returned from Yokohama this morning.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
The Parades and Map Reading Class ordered for Friday are cancelled.

Golf Club Meeting.
The Royal Hongkong Golf Club is holding its annual meeting at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow.

Lady May's Departure.
Lady May and daughters are leaving for Home, on a holiday, by the s.s. Namur to-morrow.

The Rainfall.
For the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 3.72 inches of rain were registered at the Hongkong Observatory.

Coals for the Navy.
The steamer Baron Napier arrived yesterday from Barry, S. Wales, with 6,750 tons of coal for the Admiralty.

Easter Holidays.
The Exchange Banks in Hongkong are to be closed for the transaction of business on Friday, Saturday and Monday next.

China Borneo Co., Ltd.
The yearly meeting of shareholders in the above Company is to be held on the 3rd April at the Company's office, St. George's Buildings.

Defective Brakes.
A batch of Chinese were prosecuted before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for using trucks with defective brakes.

New Advertisement.
We would direct our readers' attention to the new advertisement of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company appearing on Page 9.

Reported Release of Miss Monteith.

We understand that Miss Miriam Monteith, who was admitted to Victoria Gaol on June 28th last year, was released on Saturday, and left for England the same day.

Bishop Lander Returns.
The Right Rev. Bishop Lander returned from Shanghai this morning by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich. He has been North attending important missionary conferences.

College Sports Postponed.
Owing to this unfavourable weather of the past few days, the sports organised by St. Stephen's College, and arranged to take place this afternoon, have been postponed.

Chess Tournament.
A Y.M.C.A. "knock-out" Tournament for a set of chessmen is now being arranged. Handicaps will be fixed by the Committee. All entries should be sent in by Saturday, the 15th instant.

Defective Scales.
Inspector Withers prosecuted a Chinese, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, for using defective scales. Defendant was fined \$10. Mr. T. D'Almada e Castro defended.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club.
An Extraordinary General Meeting on the Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club is called for to-morrow, at 5.30 p.m. which all who intend to join the club should attend. Business to be dealt with includes the election of officers, adoption of a constitution, and matters of importance relating to the development of the grounds.

Junk Capsized.
The police report that the master of a fishing junk has been picked up by a police launch and taken to Tai O, his junk being towed. He reported to the authorities that whilst sailing on the 15th, from Cheung Chau Island to Tai O, and when off Pau Lau, a squall sprung up and the junk capsized. He afterwards managed to right the junk and the crew were saved. A girl aged three years, however, who went overboard, was not recovered.

A PLEA FOR THE CHILDREN.

Need of a Playing Ground in Kowloon.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE].

So immersed are the authorities in Hongkong at the present moment with big issues, that the cry of the children for playing spaces is apt to be overlooked. There are, it is to be admitted, considerable difficulties to be faced when we come to consider the question as it affects the island of Hongkong. Practically every available space on this side of the harbour has been built upon. Moreover, the greater bulk of European children here live in houses on the hillside which have their own lawns and gardens; while there are always the Botanic Gardens within easy reach. In Kowloon, however, the conditions are not the same. Further, if a census of the European children of the whole Colony were to be taken, it is probable that Kowloon would be found to furnish far and away the larger number. A walk through the main thoroughfares of the peninsula would, at any rate, seem to confirm that view. Kowloon teems with young life. The place is a veritable paradise for amiable in search of "pidgin".

A Beach Which Disappeared.

There are other facts, too, which may be quoted in support of the plea for the provision of a much-needed playing-ground for children across the harbour. Before the coming of the railway, there used to be quite an extensive strip of beach along the foreshore near Blackhead. That has now disappeared, and the little ones who in other days romped and played on the sand have been driven inshore. Other spots there were, too, where the juveniles formerly indulged in their games and pastimes. But these have been built upon one by one, until now there is little left for the miles save the dusty streets. Some one not acquainted with the conditions in Kowloon might possibly enquire whether there is not already a park there, following up the query with the mention of "King's Park." To such, the reply is that "King's Park" is not a park at all! The statement may seem strange, but it has the merit of being true. Why the place was ever named "King's Park" is something in the nature of a mystery to everybody who has ever seen it. Mayhap it was intended to be eventually laid out for such a purpose. We do not know. But at present it is best described as a straggling wilderness of hills and rocky mounds. Moreover, it is far too isolated ever to become of any use to Kowloon children, while the shooting ranges render it dangerous in the extreme.

An Urgent Question.

In addition to the fact that the European population of Kowloon is steadily on the increase—largely due to the circumstance that the large blocks of flats there are attracting a class of people who find the high rents of big houses prohibitive, point is given to the urgency of the question in that the day is fast approaching when such spaces as might at present be suitable for the purpose under consideration are being rapidly built upon. The matter is one, thus, which needs to be taken in hand at the earliest possible moment. There can be no doubt as to the duty of the Government in the matter. The average British taxpayer here gets little enough consideration for himself. He cries out in vain for some relief against the ever-rising cost of living and the steadily upward tendency of house rents. But surely he deserves to be listened to when he asks that the health and happiness of his little ones shall be ministered to by their being provided with a happily-laid out park or playing-ground where they may romp and play to their heart's content. Looked at in right sense, this is as much an Imperial obligation as the building of railways or the beautifying of "finest sites." And it has the supreme recommendation of not being a costly undertaking. As to finding a suitable site, that could easily be done once the intention to take up the matter were manifested. For where there is a will there is a way.

If anything further were needed to be said in advocacy of the idea, it is this:—If anyone take a walk through the hot and dusty main thoroughfares of Kowloon in the sweltering days of summer. There he will see little ones by the score sitting along the roadside, dabbling in the dirt, scorpions up dust in seaside buckets, trying hard to be happy in their uncongenial surroundings. How they would love to frolic on the soft, cool, green turf! The expressions on their faces tell it. And who of us can afford to be deaf to such an appeal?

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

WATER SUPPLY.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—Recognising that the "Telegraph" is ever ready to extend the hospitality of its columns to those who cannot make themselves heard, I beg to approach you for a small space in behalf of residents within the Rider Main System. Ever since the introduction of the intermittent supply of water and, more recently, the adoption of the street hydrant system, due to the prolonged drought, residents in the districts affected have been put to considerable inconvenience from the reduced supply and, as they belong to the poorer section of the community, the hardship is doubly felt though their having to pay for every bucketful of water carried up their flats.

Since the heavy downpour of rain on Sunday and Monday, there is good reason to believe that the storage reservoirs, both at Tytun and Pokfulam, must have been replenished, at any rate to the extent that the Island may be considered out of the famine is concerned. The fear may be further dispelled from a knowledge of the fact that we are just entering upon our wet season and as the months of May and June, under normal conditions, contribute a plentiful enough supply of rain, it is about time the Authority considers the advisability of restoring the constant supply throughout all the districts in the Colony. By this means, those least capable of bearing the daily burden of providing for the daily necessities of life will be relieved of, at least, one item of their monthly expenditure bill, viz., that for water for potable purposes.

Yours faithfully,
TENEMENT LUT
Hongkong, 18th March, 1913.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
W. Powell & Co. \$15
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HEALTH BILL.

The return of cases of communicable diseases, during last week shows that four cases of diphtheria (Chinese) were reported and two deaths. There was one case of enteric fever and four of smallpox (one British and three Chinese, one of the latter being imported.)

Foggy Weather.

The P. and O. intermediate steamer Namur, which arrived to-day from the North, reports that, from Shanghai to Steep Island, light to moderate S.E. winds were encountered, and from thence to Tarnabout Island there was heavy rain. Off Oohsen Island dense fog was experienced for four hours with variable winds, then moderate to fresh N.E. wind and overcast, hazy weather to arrival here.

Halfpenny Rate for Feeding Children.

Mr. Cyril Cobb stated at a meeting of the London County Council that the cost to the Council of feeding necessitous children to March 31, 1912, was £27,182. This was equal to a rate of a halfpenny in the £1.

PARSEES AT LAW.

Judgment Delivered in the Talati Case.

Judgment was delivered to-day at the case in which B.U. Talati sued M.P. Talati for the cancellation and delivery of an agreement made between the two parties; or, in the alternative, damages, by Mr. Justice Gompertz, sitting in original jurisdiction.

In this case, Mr. Eldon Potter, with whom was Mr. F. O. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind of Messrs. Bruton and Litt, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. E. H. Sharpe K. C. and Mr. M. W. Slade K. C. with whom was Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, for the defence.

The case for the plaintiff was that in settlement of a claim, which was being made in the Hongkong Courts, under a judgment of the Bombay High Court for Rs. \$322,000 odd, the plaintiff and defendant entered into an agreement, where by the defendant agreed to assign to the plaintiff 140 permits to import opium into China, for a period terminating in 1916. According to the plaintiff the permits were withdrawn shortly after the signing of the agreement, and that the fact that such withdrawal was possible was not made known to the plaintiff.

The defence was that the plaintiff kept on with the agreement, taking his chance whether the withdrawal would be continued or not.

In the course of his judgment his Lordship said that the permit system appeared to have been worked as follows:—When the Government of China determined to limit with a view to the gradual extinction, the importation of Persian opium, the Maritime Customs in Hongkong drew up a register of the firms engaged in this business. Each of these firms was to be allowed permits based upon their business in the past, the numbers diminishing each year up to the end of 1916 when importation would cease. In the event of any one of the old firms going out of business it seemed that the permits allocated to them would have been distributed among the other dealers. At the same time although there was apparently an intention to continue permits to bona fide importers, the Customs appeared not to have scanned too closely in the case of old established businesses, arrangements under which the importation was financed by others than the original permit holder. Of this nature were the arrangements made by the firm of F. P. Talati, first with the Season's and Apcar, and later with Kadoorie and Gourgey. All this was well understood by the plaintiff's agent, Apcar, who was himself a dealer in opium.

Later his Lordship said that there was, of course, no doubt that the plaintiff's representative Apcar knew very well that the defendant was not a partner in the new firm, which he also knew to be a one man concern. At the same time his letters to the plaintiff in Bombay made it plain that Apcar believed that the bankruptcy of the defendant would mean the loss of the permits. This opinion was shared by Messrs. Kadoorie and Gourgey who consented to give up 140 permits and pay 12,000 in cash to the fear of losing everything.

In the end it was decided that judgment should be entered in favour of the defendant with costs.

The full text of the judgment will appear in to-morrow's issue.

A BAD CASE.

A Chinese was charged, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, with the larceny of clothing at Kowloon.

Detective Brown said that, this was a bad case, and there had been a series of larcenies in that locality.

Defendant was sent to gaol for a month and ordered four hours' stocks.

Arms and Ammunition.

Two Chinese were fined \$25 each by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning, for being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. Mr. F. X. D'Almada defended one of the men.

BANK NOTE CASE.

Mr Jenkin Protests Against Mr. Slade's "Little Speeches"

This morning the case was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rice Davies K.C., sitting in Criminal Jurisdiction, in which seven Japanese appeared to answer charges of conspiracy.

The persons charged were Buieha Furukawa, Shikukishi Ito, Keiko Nagao, Kiyoto Nishiyama, Fukugo Sano, Ki Kuzawa, and Takao Tanabe, alias Ryo Tanabe, and they were charged that on June 20, 1912, and on divers dates up to December 23, that they did conspire to obtain and acquire for persons, who would be induced to purchase or accept certain false and forged current money notes, for \$5 each purporting to be issued by the military government of Kwangtung, large sums of money.

Plead Not Guilty.

Prisoners plead not guilty. Mr. E. H. Sharpe K.C., Mr. M. W. Slade K.C., with whom was Mr. Elton Potter, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Deane and Bowley, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. O. G. Albister and Mr. Masujima, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the first three defendants, one of whom, Kotaro Kadoishi, did not appear on account of illness, and the remainder were defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. J. M. Gardiner.

Defending Counsel Protests. Inspector Marison, in the box this morning, deposed to searching the bags belonging to the prisoners and finding various manuscripts that were produced in court.

Mr. Slade, in the course of putting in the documents, explained certain points therein and called forth protests from defending counsel.

Mr. Jenkin:—I don't know whether Mr. Slade is going to keep on making these little speeches.

His Lordship:—He is drawing attention to certain facts.

Mr. Jenkin:—He is giving his opinion as to what is possible and what is impossible.

His Lordship:—It is a theory of the prosecution.

Mr. Jenkin:—There is a time for theories to be put forward. That is not while documents are being proved.

In the course of reading the documents, Mr. Slade came across the name "Ho Chung." That, he said, was the alias used by the conspirator Fung.

Power of Attorney.

Mr. Slade read the following power of Attorney given by Nishiyama to Furukawa:—

"The undersigned having undertaken the manufacture of bank notes at the request of Fung Yuk Kai, an official of the Government of Kwangtung, China, in accordance with the agreement herewith.

Mr. Slade:—That is the blind.

Mr. Albaster:—So you say.

Mr. Slade:—So we put it, (continuing to read) "And since I have no account of capital and would agree to carry the undertaking out, conjointly with you, I hereby request you to manage all the matters regarding the delivery of the said bank notes, and to receive the price for the same. With regard to the management of the business, I have no objection whatever."

Mr. Slade said the Fung Yuk Kai who was supposed to be an official of the Government of Kwangtung, had an alias of Po Chung, and was really an employee at the Victoria Printing Press.

Inspector Marison said that when No. 1 was arrested, a pocket-book was found on him, containing, among some good money, five incomplete notes. On him also were found some visiting cards bearing the legend "Furukawa, Proprietor of the Tokyo Engineering College." A series of cards showed he was a professor of engineering, and was head master of the Tokyo Private Engineering College.

The case was proceeding when we went to press.

Voice-Operated Typewriter.

Mr. J. B. Flowers, a Brooklyn electrical engineer, has invented a machine which typewrites the spoken word by means of an ingenious arrangement of steel reeds actuated by electric currents.

IS HE A SPY?

German Again Before the Magistrate.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazelsland, the case of photographing fortifications in which Karl Boettner is alleged to have been guilty of breaches of the Ordinance protecting them, was mentioned.

Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, who defends, said:—In this case on your Worship take it at a quarter to three because Justice Gempfer is delivering judgment in the Talati case at two o'clock and I am anxious to hear it. I will arrange with Mr. Hodgson (the Assistant Crown Solicitor) and the defendant if your Worship will take it then.

His Worship:—All right.

Mr. Shenton said he had obtained an enlargement of the photograph of Mount Davis, from the photograph taken by Alex Chung.

These were handed to his Worship.

A Preliminary Point.

Mr. Shenton said that concluded the case for the defence. The defendant was charged under section 2 and section 4 of the Ordinance to prevent sketching of the defences, 1 of 1895. A preliminary point arose in this case. He would submit that for the purposes of conviction under this section, it was necessary to show that there was criminal intention on the part of the defendant when those photos were taken—what was known as *mens rea*.

As a matter of general principle it was essential in every criminal connection to prove *mens rea*. There were, however, a number of statutes under which it had been held from time to time that *mens rea* was not necessary in every particular instance. It was an accepted principle of law in Great Britain, which, of course, embodied Hongkong, that in every criminal offence there must be *mens rea* and the burden was on the prosecution to show *mens rea* before a criminal offence could be consummated.

The defendant was not a man who had come here to gain information for purposes. He was under contract as a clerk to Messrs. Meyerink and Co. He was originally meant to take up work at Shanghai and it was not until he came out to the East that he knew he was going to be employed in Hongkong.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

"THE LAMB."

How Ships Suffer from Theft.

A Chinese was charged, before Mr. F. A. Hazelsland, at the Police Court, this morning, by Sergeant Fox, with stealing a quantity of brass from the cable ship Recorder.

According to the evidence, the quartermaster caught the defendant lowering a bag containing the brass, over the side of the ship into a sampin.

The third officer of the ship said that he thought this man was "the lamb" as he felt that others were implicated in the case. They had had a lot of stuff missing from the ship and he wished they could get hold of those who had taken it.

Defendant alleged that a man gave it to him.

This was denied by the person whose name was mentioned.

A sentence of one month's imprisonment and four hours' exposure in the stocks was passed.

CLERK CHARGED.

Alleged Theft of Business Letters.

Antonio Francisco Dos Remedios, a clerk employed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, of Pedler's Hill, was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing press-copied business letters belonging to Henry Cruz, on February 11th.

A remand for a week was granted.

Kailan Mining Administration. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 1st March, amounted 31,649.84 tons and the sales during the period, to 41,383.14 tons.

"WET DAY" CASES.

Charges of "Keeping" Withdrawn but Gamblers Fined.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, fourteen men were charged with gambling at 55, Centre Street, the first two men being also charged with "keeping."

Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, defended the two charged with "keeping" and said that all the men pleaded guilty to gambling, but that the two men he defended were not keepers of a gambling house. It was one of those "wet day" cases. These men were ricksha coolies and went into a coolie's house to gamble and keep out of the wet. He thought the police might withdraw the charge of "keeping."

Inspector M. O'Sullivan said he would withdraw the charge of keeping in view of plea of guilty to gambling. The house had been raided several times before. The defendants were fined \$2 each.

In a case in which fourteen men were charged with gambling at 51 Stanton Street, the first two were also charged with keeping.

Mr. Shenton said he was prepared to admit the gambling in this case also if the charge of keeping was withdrawn.

The charge of keeping was withdrawn and the defendants were fined \$2 each.

MISS MARIE HALL.

Famous Violinist at Singapore.

Miss Marie Hall's programme on the 10th inst. when she played to another large audience in the Victoria Memorial Theatre, was in every sense satisfying, and gave scope to the great violinist for a very complete exposition of her marvellous technical knowledge as well as her innate sympathy with her subjects, says the "Straits Times."

The concert in a minor (Op. 28) by Goldmark was her first essay and, despite the absence of the orchestra which is essential to give the whole work its broadest interpretation, the skill with which Miss Hall manipulated the exacting passages, the feeling she poured into the theme, and the sweetness of her treatment of the melodic ideas captivated the audience heart and mind.

The highly technical standard illustrated in the concerto was changed, in her second group of selections, to a level on which melody predominated over the other element and where the artist's instinct found even fuller expression. This group consisted of a Scandinavian air by Tor Aulin which breathed the very spirit of the old Northland; a minuet by "Immortal Mozart," the master of all stylisms; Raff's familiar and popular Cavatina which was Miss Hall's earliest ambitious effort, it may be remembered, on the violin; and a characteristic mazurka by Appoloniaise de Kontski.

In her last selection, however, Miss Hall rose to heights transcendent. It was a fantasia arranged by Wieniawski from Gounod's Faust, a piece that for opulence of melody and gradation of movements offers unlimited opportunity for the temperamental player, and Miss Hall is that above all things. Of it, the analytical notes by E. Markham Lee give a better description than we can compass:—"The Fantasia begins with melody used in the introduction of Faust's first air in the opening act—a theme it will be recalled, which occurs in the third act also—and leads on immediately to the characteristic serenade of Me-phistopheles 'Vau d'or' followed by the beautifully expressive love duet of Faust and Marguerite in the garden scene. The work ends spiritedly with a valso from the ballet in the second act, the theme of which is given in delicate, effective and most difficult harmonies." That description conveys in itself some idea of the beauty of the work and Miss Hall's rendering was as high perfect in spirit and in execution as we can imagine it could be. In fact to permit ourselves a personal opinion, it was perhaps the most successful item she has yet played in Singapore.



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INLAND CHINA UNDER A REPUBLIC.

A glimpse into the far interior of China under the new "regime" is afforded by an article on medical work in Pingyang, Shansi, which Mrs. John Carr contributes to the current "China's Millions."

She says that politically strange changes are taking place. Most of the power in the city is in the hands of an energetic military officer. Pingyang is to become the military centre for the south of the province, and temples are being pulled down right and left to provide materials for building barracks and officers' quarters.

Chang Hwang, this military official, is himself living in a transformed temple, and the writer has seldom seen a more extraordinary sight than the homeless idlers, sitting or standing in the midst of heaps of debris, which are now visible all over the north-west corner of the city, near these new barracks.

But Chang Hwang cares nothing for the old beliefs, and probably prides himself on belonging to the "no-God party," an evidence, the writer thinks, of the great danger China is in of drifting into atheism or sheer materialism. Mrs. Carr goes on to say that people are for the most part, she thinks, indifferent to the Republic.

There is still a good deal of robbery and unrest in the country, but soldiers are energetically hunting these gangs of bandits, and executions are constantly taking place. The most apparent changes lie in the direction of things external. For instance, silver ornaments, beloved by the women, are no longer to be worn, there are special proclamations out about style of clothing, all the Manchu fashion being supposed to go, and their places taken by something partly pre-Muchu, and partly foreign. Titles are supposed to be dropped, and it almost seems as if all that is to their minds at any rate, ornamental and festive, is to go, and the people are to be brought more or less to a dead level. So far it has not greatly affected the conservative old city in question, except that all the silversmiths, have packed up and gone; but they await developments, and hope, since it has started, the Republic will keep together.

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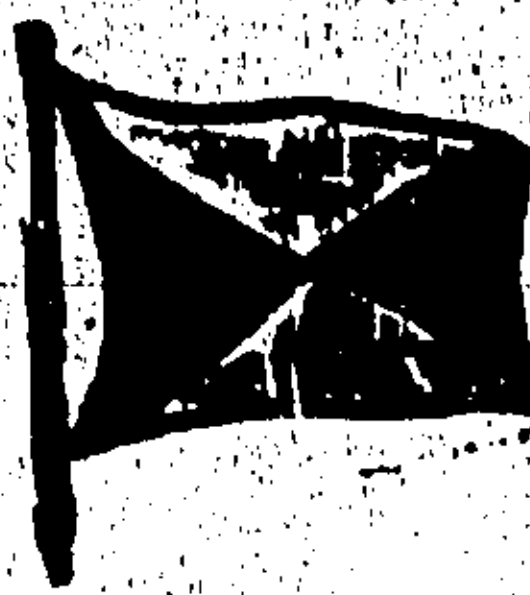
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S.S. "Shinryo Maru"	22,000	H. S. Smith	April 29th, Noon.
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The steamer Dunblane, of 3,740 tons gross and 2,402 tons net register, have been sold to Japanese buyers for about £24,000. She was built at Stockton in 1897, with dimensions 330 ft. by 45 ft. by 18'4 ft. Her late owners were Messrs. Henderson and McIntosh, Leith.

B.I. Official's Will.

Mr. Stuart Hall, Killoran House, Tayinloan, Argyllshire, 54, Ladbroke-grove, London, W., and 23, Great Winchester-street, E.C., a partner in Messrs. W. Mackinnon and Co., East India merchants, Glasgow, and largely interested in the British India Steam Navigation Company, left £5,500 for charitable purposes, including £2,500 to the burgh of Campbelltown (personal). His will was proved at £181,177.

The China Merchants' Co. The negotiations between the old and new companies, says the Chinese Press, have come to a deadlock owing to some slight difference in details when everything else seems to have been agreed to by both sides. The old company demands that the new company should deposit £18,000,000 in a certain bank within four weeks after the general terms have been verbally settled, and admit liability for the old company's debts. The new company agrees to do so, but the terms agreed to must be reduced to a written draft contract before it will deposit the full amount of the purchase price. The Ministry of Communications has been appealed to by both companies, but finds it impossible to act the role of arbitrator. Further negotiation is pending.

Accident on Shanghai River. At daylight on the 11th inst. as the Ningshao Steamship Co.'s s.s. Yungchin, inward bound from Ningpo, was opposite the Peking Road Jetty, a large Taungming junk was taking across river and, when attempting to cross the bows of the Yungchin, the junk's mast fouled the steamer's port anchor. With the result that the junk was dragged for a considerable distance and then capsized. Her crew and passengers were precipitated into the river and the steamer was stopped and boats lowered, but in the meantime some mud-boats crossing from Pootung had witnessed the incident and were able to pick up the junk's crew and passengers, many of the latter consisting of women and children. They were no lives lost, says the "N. China Daily News," and after waiting until those who had been rescued had been safely housed on board the River Police Hulk, the Yungchin proceeded up river to the Nantao Wharf. The capsized junk, after drifting down river, was taken charge of by boatmen and beached on the shore.

Important Shipping Project. Toronto, Feb. 12th. A struggle is proceeding at Montreal as to the control of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. During recent years this company has absorbed all the interior steamship lines in Ontario and Quebec except the vessels of the Canadian Pacific and the Inter-Lake Company. The last vessels acquired were those of the Toronto Navigation Company operating between Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara. An important interest in the company has been obtained by the Furness, Withy Steamship Company, and by representatives of Vickers (Limited). It is believed that the English interests and their Canadian associates have control of the majority of the stock, and this afternoon elected a new board of which Mr. James Carruthers, head of the grain firm of Carruthers and Co., of Montreal, will be president. It is understood that the company aims at establishing a through direct route from Liverpool to Port Arthur and Port William, and proposes to have its stock listed on the London Stock Exchange. A later message states that the Furness-Playfair interests won at the subsequent Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company meeting.

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BIRKENFELS 19th May	For Vancouver, S. & O. T. & P. land (Or.):
SAXONIA 22nd May	S.S. SITHONIA 28th March
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	S.S. SACHSEN 18th April
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Marseilles, London & Antwerp via S'pore, &c.	Miyasaki Maru	N. Y. K.	26 March
Marseilles, via Saigon, S'pore, O'bo, Port Said.	Nora	M. M. Co.	25 March
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San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	25 March
do do do do do do	Nippon Maru	T. K. K.	1 April
San Francisco via Manila & Japan, &c.	Nile	P. M. Co.	18 March
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	22 March
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Shanghai, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	2 April
Victoria, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle	Harpagus	J. M. & Co.	10 June, about
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	25 March
Vancouver B.C., and Portland (Or.)	Sithonia	H. A. L.	28 March
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do do do do do do	Empress of Japan	C. P. R. Co.	26 April
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do do do	Coblentz	M. & Co.	1 April, about
do do do	Hirano Maru	N. Y. K.	27 March
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Manila	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	22 March
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Swatow	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	19 March
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do do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	21 March
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	26 March
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	23 March
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	19 March
do do do	Ernest Simons	M. M. Co.	24 March
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Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	21 March
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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Prinzess Alice	M. & Co.	20 March, about
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do	Assaye	P. & O. Co.	27 March, about
do	Anhui	B. & S.	20 March
do	Chenan	B. & S.	22 March

Infected Ports.

Bombay is declared to be in-
fected on account of plague, and
Tanjong Priok and Batavia on
account of cholera.

The Advisers of Kelantan.

It is reported from Penang that
Mr. Langham Carter, at present
District Officer at Bukit Mertajam,
has been appointed British Ad-
viser to the Government of Kel-
antan. This is not strictly correct,
for the "Straits Times" learns on
enquiry that Mr. Langham
Carter has been asked to act as
Adviser but that no definite
appointment has been made.

The "Ipoh Land Deal."

With reference to what has
become known as the "Ipoh
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probably the largest transaction
of its kind yet on record in the
F.M.S., and in connection with
which so many names have been
mentioned and so many rumours
arose, the "Malay Mail" has
ascertained that negotiations have
now definitely been concluded,
and transfer deeds signed. The
purchaser is Mr. J. A. Russell of
Kuala Lumpur. In this connec-
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Hongkong 15th, Mar., 1918. [198]

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AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. Persia left San
Francisco on the 8th inst.

The P. M. s.s. Mongolia with the
American mail left San Francisco
for this port, via Honolulu the
usual Japan Ports and Manila on
the 15th ult.

The T. K. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru
left San Francisco for Hongkong
via usual ports on the 1st instant
and is due here on the 28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru
arrives at San Francisco on the
8th inst., and leaves again for
Hongkong on the 22nd inst.

The P. M. s.s. Nile, will be de-
spatched from this port on the
31st inst., at 1 p.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Montague left
Yokohama on the 16th inst., at
noon, due to arrive at Vancouver,
B.C., on the 30th inst.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinzess Alice
carrying the German Mail with
dates from Berlin of the 19th ult.,
left Singapore on the 15th inst.,
at 9 p.m., and may be expected
here on the 20th inst., at 7 a.m.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. Eastern left
Sydney for this port via Queens-
land Ports Port Darwin, Timor
and Manila on the 14th inst., and
may be expected here on the 6th
prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. Glenloch passed the
Suez Canal on 18th ult., for Hong-
kong via Straits.

The American & Manchurian
Line s.s. Kasenga passed the
Suez Canal on the 25th ult., and
is due here on or about 28th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Nile is expect-
ed to arrive at Colombo on the
19th inst., at 3 p.m.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru
arrives at Manzanilla from Hon-
olulu, on the 18th inst., and leaves
again for Salina Cruz on the 20th
inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Benary, from
Antwerp, Middlesbro', and Lon-
don, left Singapore on the 13th
inst., a.m., and may be expected
to arrive here on the 19th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Nile, is expect-
ed to arrive at Colombo on the
19th inst., at 3 p.m.

The T. K. K. s.s. Buyo Maru from
South American ports is expected
to arrive at this port on the 21st
inst.

The s.s. Glenloch left Singa-
pore on the 16th inst., and is due
here on the 22nd inst., a.m.

The I. O. S. N. s.s. Fooksang
from Calcutta is due at Hongkong
on the 20th inst.

The I. O. S. N. s.s. Laisang from
Calcutta is due at Hongkong on
the 26th inst.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Walde-
mar left Ruchinotau on Sunday,
the 18th inst., and may be expect-
ed here on or about Thursday, the
20th inst., a.m.

The Bank Line s.s. Bilbeter left
Moji on the 13th inst., and is ex-
pected to arrive here on the 19th
inst.

The Mogul Line s.s. Ghazee
from United Kingdom left Singa-
pore on the 13th inst., morning,
and is therefore due here on the
19th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Buyo Maru,
arrived at Yokohama from Hon-
olulu on the 3rd inst., and is due
in Hongkong on the 20th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru
left Honolulu for Yokohama on
the 27th ult., and is due in Hong-
kong on the 20th inst.

The Mogul Line s.s. Lothian
sailed from the United Kingdom,
on the 26th ult., for the Far East
via Straits.

The S. E. A. Co. s.s. Japan left
Port Said on the 26th ult., and is
expected to arrive here on the
20th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Asahi Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,749, Na-
kano, 12th Mar.—Saigon—
8th Mar., Rice.—M. B. K.
Awa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,912, Shimi-
zu, 16th Mar.—Shanghai
13th Mar., Gen.—N. Y.
K.

Cheong Shing, Br. s.s., 1,265, Lid-
dell, 15th Mar.—Tientsin
9th Mar., Gen.—J. M. &
Co.

Olara Jebson, Ger. s.s., 1,103, Ja-
cobson, 14th Mar.—Sai-
gon 10th Mar., Rice.—J.
& Co.

Dagny, Nor. s.s., 882, Silvesen,
13th Mar.—Bangkok 5th
Mar., Rice.—T. & Co.

Den of Glamis, Br. s.s., 3,381, A-
Law, 15th Mar.—Singa-
pore 9th Mar., Gen.—J.
M. & Co.

Dilwara, Br. s.s., 3,460, Ramage,
R.N.R., 17th Mar.—Ca-
outte, Penang and Singa-
pore 11th Mar., Gen.—D.
S. & Co.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940,
A. J. Harley, 14th Mar.—
Vancouver, B.C. 2nd
Feb., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Frithjof, Nor. s.s., 891, Andersen,
16th Mar.—Bangkok 9th
Mar., Rice.—T. & Co.

Glenfalloch, Br. s.s., 1,434, Gar-
dner, 17th Mar.—Singa-
pore 10th Mar., Gen.—J.
T. Sing.

Halvard, Nor. s.s., 1,056, Ander-
sen, 13th Mar.—Bang-
kok via Swatow, 11th
Mar., Rice.—T. & Co.

Hyndford, Br. s.s., 2,775, Horne,
11th Mar.—Sabang 27th
Feb., Oil.—S. O. Co.

Kaifong, Br. s.s., 1,025, C. P. Cole,
14th Mar.—Manila 11th
Mar., Gen.—B. &

COMMERCIAL.

Singapore Exchange.

March 10, 1913.	
On London—Bank 4m/s 2/4 13-32	
Demand — 2/4 18	
Private 6m/s 2/4 13-16	
3m/s 2/4 9-10	
On Germany—Bank d/d 238 1-2	
Private 3m/s 242 1-2	
On Franco—Bank d/d 204	
Private 3m/s 200	
On India—Bank T.T. 174 3-4	
Private 30 d/s 176	
On Hongkong—Bank d/d 15 1-8	
Private 33 d/s 16 1-8	
On Shanghai—Bank d/d 87 5-8	
Private 33 d/s 88 5-8	
On Java—Bank T.T. 140 1-2	
Private 30 d/s 42 1-2	
On Japan—Bank d/d 114 3-4	
Sovereigns—buying rate 88.54	
India Council Bills last issue ... 1/4	
India Council T.T. last issue ... 1/4 1-32	
Discount ... 3ms. 4-7-8	
Bank of England rates ... 5 p.c.	
Bar silver in London ... 27	

Singapore Produce.

March 10, 1913.	
Gambier buyers ... 37.62	
do (Cube No. 1) unpecked 13.05	
Copra Sunfried ... 12.40	
do Mixed ... 11.80	
Pepper, Black buyers ... 18.50	
do White 5 percent ... 33.25	
Sago Flour Sarawak ... 3.80	
do Brunel No. 1 ... nom.	
Pearl Sago ... 4.80	
Coffee Bali ... 34.25	
Coffee Palembang 10 per cent. basis ... 33.00	
Tapioca, small flake ... 6.85	
do small pearl ... 6.30	
do med. pearl ... 6.30	
Tin 125 tons ... 106.55	
Opium, China ... 3.100	
" Straits ... 1.850	
Rice, Rangoon White ... 220	
Rice, Siam No. 1 ... 320	
do No. 2 ... 290	
Petroleum.	
Devos's Imp. Brilliant Oil (2 tins) ... 3.60	
Sylvan Arrow Oil (2 tins) ... 3.25	
Fish Brand (2 tins in case at 3.15	
Oil (2 tins) ... 3.15	
Lamp Glass (2 tins in case at 3.15	
(superfine) (2 tins) ... 3.05	
Langkat's (2 tins in case at 3.05	
Dragon Brand (2 tins) at 2.05	
Bulk Oil per drum of 4 ... at 2.55	
Gross Oil (2 tins) at 2.75	
Turpene per tin 4 gallons at 2.60	

Public Auction.

G. R. NOTICE.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 25th day of March, 1913, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land below Kennedy Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Leases to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Location	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
1	Lot 1, Kennedy Road	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	£1,000
2	Lot 2, Kennedy Road	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	£1,000
3	Lot 3, Kennedy Road	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000 sq. ft.	£1,000

Public Companies
LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.
NOTICE.

THE Thirty-first Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Piddar Street, on Tuesday, the 25th March at 11.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1912.

Public Companies

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.
NOTICE.

THE Thirty-fifth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Piddar Street, on Tuesday, the 25th March at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1912.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 8 Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1913, at 12 o'clock NOON for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1912.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scrip Certificate No. 7612 issued 30th May 1911, for twenty-five shares numbered 30786/30790, 7439/7440 and 27026/27028, of this Company, in the name of Gabriel Pouillet Olier has been lost, and should the same not be produced before the 10th April 1913, New Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Gabriel Pouillet Olier, and no transaction taking place under the said Scrip Certificate No. 7612 will be recognised by the Company.

Notices

ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL.
SITUATED at Kowloon, within a few minutes' walk of the Principal Landing stages of the SECOND SEAPORT IN THE WORLD,
and in close proximity to the projected Office and Terminal of the KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY,
1, for LEASE ON EASY TERMS.

This Elite Establishment has been conducted as a First Class Hotel and is patronised by Residents of Hongkong and Kowloon and by the Shipping Community. The Proprietor is in a position to convince any prospective Lessee that the business is doing exceedingly well, and that it can be turned into a still more profitable concern if taken over by an expert who would devote his entire life attention to the business.

The Proprietor has already spent \$12,000 in thoroughly renovating and refitting the premises, and now very little remains to be expended except for converting a piece of Vacant Ground adjoining the Hotel into an Open-Air Skating Rink, Bowling Alley or Open-Air Cinema-graph Show, etc., etc., in which it can be well utilized.

For Particulars apply to H. RUTTONJEE, c/o Royal George Hotel, Kowloon, Hongkong.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years. He has a good method of teaching Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Entertainments

BOXING!
CITY HALL.
SATURDAY MARCH 22nd,
AT 6 P.M. SHARP.

For the Heavyweight Championship of the Orient.
NOBBY GRANT
H.M.S. Flora
Heavyweight Champion of the Orient.

STOKER ALFORD
H.M.S. Hampshire
Ex Heavyweight Champion of India.
10 Round Contest
For the Middleweight Championship of the Orient.

SEAMAN STEVENS
H.M.S. Minotaur
Middleweight Champion of the Garrison.

SEAMAN BALL
H.M.S. Hampshire
Ex Middleweight Champion of Malta.
10 Round Contest
For the Featherweight Championship of the Garrison.

PRIVATE SMITH,
D.C.L.I. (Holder)
SEAMAN STENNING,
H.M.S. Hampshire,
Ex Featherweight Champion of India.

6 Round Contest
Lightweight
SAPPER MILES, R.E.
L.S. MEADOWS,
P.T.I. Hampshire,
6 Round Contest
PTE. LITTLEJON,
H.M.S. Tamar.

SEAMAN TAIT,
H.M.S. Minotaur,
Ringside \$5.00 Stalls \$3.00
Others 2s. & 1s. Soldiers and Sailors \$1.00 in uniform to the 12.00 Seats.
Booking at MOUTRIE & CO.
F.E. HALL, Promoter.

BIJOU.

9.15 TO-NIGHT. 9.15

MAX LINDER'S APPOINTMENT
On the Way to Montserrat.
A Young Terror. Dastardly Wilkins.
NEWS IN PICTURES
Pathe Gazette and Gaumont Graphic.

Miss VIOLET BONETTA
(a) "Take me back to old Killarney."
(b) "It's great to meet a friend."
Miss CECILE STEPHANO
(a) "Come back to Erin."
(b) "Kathleen Macgovern."
SPECIAL IRISH SONGS
For St. Patrick's Day.

Look out for
LES MISERABLES.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Enormous success of
Miss FREDA ARDEA.
TUESDAY 18th
Debut of the
CELEBRATED ARTIST,
Miss JOLLY COLEMAN.
WEDNESDAY 19th
Debut of the
THUNDERBOLT MAN,
ALEXANDER GALINSKY.
SATURDAY 22nd
Debut of the
FAMOUS ARTIST
Miss ARKAS.

Notice

W.M. POWELL, Ltd., having created the services of a cutter with long and varied experience, beg to announce the establishment of a TAILORING DEPARTMENT in their main Store, Des Voeux Road. A trial order would be greatly appreciated. All Garments will be made in our own workshop.

MARTIN'S
APOLISTEL
WATER-PILLS
A French Remedy for all Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, etc. It is the most powerful and reliable of all purgatives, and is perfectly safe for all ages. It is sold in all the principal chemists and druggists. Price 1/6 per box. Wholesale and Retail Agents, Messrs. J. & J. B. Martin, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

If you intend to be into your meals will be Occasional & Empty Stomach. Only at the ALEX. ANDRA CAFE.

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.
Head Office: 60, Wall Street, New York.
London Office: 5, Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4.

BRANCHES:
Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Cebu, Colon, Hankow, Hongkong, Kobe, London, Lyons, Manila, Mexico, Panama, Peking, San Francisco, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Capital and Reserve: \$1,000,000 (Gold).
Assets: \$1,000,000 (Gold).
Liabilities: \$1,000,000 (Gold).
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.
DEPOSITS RECEIVED, and for one year at 4 per cent. or for shorter periods, at rates which may be ascertained on application.
LETTERS OF CREDIT and DRAFTS granted on all the principal cities in the world.
THE BANKS CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT are available all over the world.
COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT.
PURCHASE and SALE of Stocks and Shares selected.
TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.
GEORGE HOGG, Manager.
9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st Nov. 1912. 1912

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorized Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ... 17,500,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.
Branches:
Antung-Hsien, Nagasaki, Bombay, Newchwang, Calcutta, Yokohama, Osaka, Peking, Dairen, Ryojun Port, Hankow, (Arthur), Hankow, San Francisco, Honolulu, Shanghai, Kobe, Tientsin, Liao-Yang, Tokyo, Lyons.

Interest Allowed on Current Account.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
EISHI ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th Jan., 1913. (18)

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital ... £1,200,000
Reserve Fund ... £1,250,000
Liability of Proprietors ... £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Wm. DICKSON, Manager.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912. (22)

Notice

THE CHINA PROVINT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.
Capital Paid up: £1,000,000
Liability on Mortgage: £1,000,000
Liability on Property: £1,000,000
Liability on other: £1,000,000

Goods are stored on mortgage. Advances made on Merchandise. Loans made on the Provident System. (Rates and Conditions on application) and Office of the TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, & Co. Cadenhead and Co. Ltd. General Managers. Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. (15)

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.
PORTLAND CEMENT.
In Casks of 87 1/2 lbs. net
In Bags of 250 lbs. net
SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1907. (18)

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.
CAMBRIDGE MANUALS.
80 cents each.
Brewing, A. Clouston Chapman.
The Individual in the animal Kingdom, Julian S. Huxley.
The Psychology of Insanity, Bernard Hart.
The Work of Rain & Rivers, T. B. Bonyer.
House Flies & How they spread Disease, C. G. Hewitt.
The Origin of Earthquakes, O. Davidson.
Early Religious Poetry of the Hebrews, E. G. E. R.
Baker, J. M. Ward.
The English Poets, John Addington Symonds.
The Natural History of Coal, E. A. & A. Symonds.

Banks

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital ... \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling ... £1,500,000 at 2/-
Silver ... 7,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... \$15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS:
F. H. Armstrong, Esq.—Chairman
Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross—Deputy Chairman

S. H. Dodwell, Esq., G. Friesland, Esq., C. S. Gubbay, Esq., G. R. Laurence, Esq., F. Lieb, Esq., W. L. Pattenden, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, H. A. Siebs, Esq., CHIEF MANAGER, Hongkong—N. J. Stabb, ACTING MANAGER, Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.
Capital Fully Paid-up ... Sh. Tael 7,500,000
Head Office.—Shanghai.
Board of Directors.—Berlin.
Branches:
Berlin, Calcutta, Canton, Hamburg, Hankow, Kobe, Peking, Singapore, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS:
Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Limited, Deutsche Bank (Berlin), London Agency.

Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.
INTEREST allowed on Current Account. DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
R. TIMMERSCHEIDT, Manager.
Hongkong, 9th Oct. 1911. (2)

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital ... £1,500,000
Subscribed ... 1,125,000
Paid Up ... 562,000
Reserve Fund ... 415,000
HEAD OFFICE:
40, Threadneedle Street, London, E.C.

BRANCHES:
Bombay, Calcutta, Canton, Galle, Hongkong, Howrah, Penang, Madras, Koda Bahm, Kelantan, Karachi, Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S., Rangoon, Hongkong, Colombo, Shanghai.

AGENTS IN JAPAN:
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. Bankers:
Bank of England, London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.

EVERY description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Stocks and Shares bought and sold on account of Constituents. Letters of Credit granted on Agents and Correspondents all over the world.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.
J. O. MACDONALD, Manager.

Exchange

Selling.		Buying.	
T/T Demand	1/11 1/4	4 m/s. L/C	1/11 1/4
30 d/s	1/11 1/2	4 m/s. D/P	1/11 1/2
60 d/s	1/11 3/4	6 m/s. L/C	1/11 3/4
4 m/s	1/11 7/8	30 d/s. Sney & Melbourne	1/11 7/8
T/T Shanghai	79 1/2	30 d/s. San Foo & New York	1/11 7/8
T/T Singapore	83	4 m/s. Marks	1/11 7/8
T/T Japan	95	4 m/s. Franks	1/11 7/8
T/T India	145	6 m/s. do	1/11 7/8
Demand India	145 1/2	Bar Silver ready forward	1/11 7/8
Demand, Manila	145 1/2	Gold Leaf per tael	1/11 7/8
T/T San Foo & New York	47 1/2	Bank of England rate	1/11 7/8
T/T Java	117	Sovereign	1/11 7/8
T/T Marks	198 1/2		
T/T Franks	245		

Subsidiary Coins.		Malwa, Old	
Discount per \$100		Patna, New	3,200 percho.
Chinese ... 20 cts. pieces	\$75	Patna, Old	3,100
Chinese ... 10	\$7 13/16	Benares, New	3,250
Hongkong 20	\$5 1/4	Benares, Old	2,900
Hongkong 10	\$7 1/4		

Opium Quotation.
Feb. 27.
Malwa, New ... \$2,900 percho.

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS SA-SALE B-BUYERS

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.	CLOSING	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
BANKS.	9.10	
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$805 sa.	\$25/- at ex 2 1/2 equal to \$21.71 for 1/2 year ending 31/12/12
Cantons	\$50	\$18 for 1911
North China	\$25	Interim of 10/- for 1911
Unions	\$100	Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1911
Yangtzes	\$50	\$12 for 1909 and Interim of \$3 on account of 1910
China Fires	\$20	\$7 & 1/2 of \$2 for 1910
Hongkong Fires	\$50	\$27 for 1912
China & Manilla	\$25	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship	\$50	5 p.c. for year ending 30/6/12
Steamboats	\$15	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31/12/12
Indo-Chinas (Preferred)	\$25	6 p.c. for year 1910 on preferred shares
"Shell" Transports	\$1	1/- per share Coupon No 19
"Star Ferry"	\$10	15 p.c. for year ending 30.4.12
China Sugars	\$100	\$5 for 1911
Luxon Sugars	\$100	\$3 for 1897
Chinese Engineerings	\$1	1/6 per shares final 1911 (Coupon No. 15)
Tronchs	\$1	7/6 per share on 150,000 1/3 for 1909
Raubs	\$1	\$4.50 for year 1912
Locks, Wharves, & COWNS	\$50	\$1 final dividend for year 1912
Kowloon Wharfs	\$50	Tls. 3 for 1912
H.K. & W'poo Docks	\$50	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1912
Shanghai Docks T. 100	T. 60	Tls. 6 2/3 2/10
Hongkong Wharfs T. 100	T. 107 ex. div.	\$3 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31/12/12
Anglo French Lands T. 100	T. 94	Final div. of \$3 1/2 making \$7 for 1912
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	40 cents for 1912
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$2.80 for 1912
Humphreys Estates	\$10	5 p.c. for half to 30/6/12
Kowloon Lands	\$30	Final of \$2.35 making \$4.25 for 1912
Shanghai Lands T. 30	T. 89	15 per cent. for 1910
West Points	\$50	T4 for year ended 31/10/10
Manila M'pole Hotel P. 10	P. 8	T7 for year ended 31/12/10
COTTON MILLS.		50 cents 31/7/08
Ewos	T. 50	\$1 for 1911
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	70 cents for 1912
China-Borneos	\$12	\$1.25 for year ending 31/12/12
Light and Powers	\$10	\$0 cents for 1911
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$1.40 per share
China Providents	\$10	Final of \$4 for 1912
Dairy Farms	\$6	\$1 interim dividend 1912
Green Islands	\$10	Tls. 4 1/2 for 1912
Hongkong Electric	\$10	None
Hongkong Ices	\$25	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30/4/12
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	None
Langkats	\$10	None
Morning Post	\$25	None
Peak Tramway	\$10	None
Do. (new)	\$1	None
Hongkong Electric Trams	\$10	None
Philippines	\$10	None
H. Price & Co. Ltd.	\$10	None
Societe des Pulpes et Papieries	\$50	None
du Tonkin	\$50	None
Benefit	\$150	None
Shanghai-Sumatra T. 30 T. 150	T. 34	No dividend this year
Steam Laundry	\$5	50 cts. for year ending 30/6/12
United Asbestos	\$10	20 per cent. per ordinary share for year ending 31/12/12
Oriental Agency Ltd.	\$10	\$1 per share for year ending 31/12/12
United Asbestos Founders Shares	\$10	25 per cent. for year ending 31/12/12
Union Waterboat	\$10	30 cents for 1910
Weismann Ltd.	\$10	40 cts. for year ending 30/6/12
Watson	\$10	None
William Powell	\$10	None

OPIUM DENS.

Palatial Rooms in East End of London.

In one of these dismal streets which intersect the two main highways in Limehouse—and within a stone's throw of each other—are two houses which have recently been opened for the use of victims of the opium habit, writes a correspondent of a London paper. They are rented by Chinese, and "run" by Chinese men who, as day succeeds day, add to the already considerable fortune they have amassed from their drug-trickery and helpless patrons. These dens have been called into being by the amazing increase in the number of those who seek oblivion and ultimate ruin in the use of opiates.

The proprietors "run" other opium dens, but these more magnificent in their appointments and more luxurious in their surroundings—have been made possible by the growing number of well-to-do men who have given way to the deadly, and at one time almost exclusively Oriental, vice.

Night after night, people of position and wealth drive up to the neighbourhood, dismiss their vehicles when still some distance away, and steal furtively up to the door. The customers are known, and their identity assured by a vigilant doorman before admission to the "house of dreams and horrors" is allowed.

The Chinese Proprietor.

It was after considerable trouble a correspondent succeeded in locating one of the "dens"; the task of securing entrance was still more formidable. This was eventually achieved after making the acquaintance of a man who is fast losing honour, position, business and self-respect, who gave his guarantee that there was no hidden or sinister object in the stranger's visit. The proprietor, a wily-looking, parchment-skinned Chinese, imagined a fresh victim, and set himself to present such allurements as the apartments and their occupants could supply.

There were some three or four rooms—two of them on the ground floor—devoted to the use of opium smokers. It is not long since the vice could only be practised—at least, in the East End—in low-roofed, filthy, and shabby furnished rooms. The most popular, which was in a street off Shadwell High Street, reeked of everything that was repulsive to the eye. But such accommodation suffices no longer. More fastidious patrons have come along, and their more sensitive tastes have to be considered.

A Palace of Silence.

The rooms at this establishment, and there is at least one more possessing equally elaborate furnishings, are beautifully upholstered. Low divans stand on thick carpets over which the feet tread noiselessly; luxurious cushions are used as head-rests, and heavy curtains of the richest shades screen the doorway. A gentle light sheds a dim radiance over the customers, who, in varying degrees of somnolence, occupy the couches. There are several attendants, who, in response to a lifted hand, steal over to some person and address him in a low voice. It is, as one of the frequenters declared, a palace of silence, awesome and mysterious. He might have added, though he

did not, it is veritably a portal of the still more silent grave.

No one need move from his couch. The opium is cooked for each patron, who merely has to inhale the smoke, which brings fastidious visions and hideous nightmares. One habitue put it thus: "Paradise and hell."

All the frequenters of the place are well dressed. Many, indeed, wear evening clothes. Few come in the daytime. Nor do the owners of these dens encourage day trade. Their sole object is gain, and notoriety will destroy their unholy business.

Seeking New Sensations.

Who are the patrons? Merchants, "young men about town," in search of a new sensation, and even people who are allied to noble families. A neighbouring tradesman declared that the number of customers is "surprising." "They steal in one after another," he said, "like so many shadows. Some have evidently only just come under the benign influence of the drug; others bear unmistakable marks of degradation that, like the brand of Cain, fall upon the seasoned sinner. The police? No, thank you, I place too great a value on my life. The gang who 'run' these places are thoroughly unscrupulous, even to the use of the knife."

Reference was made to the gain that these dens bring to the proprietors. Tow who attend pay less than 30s. a night for their "board and entertainment," some even expend a five-pound note, so that even so small a number of visitors as ten or twelve brings money rapidly to those who batten on the vices of mankind.

The opium habit, like the venereal habit, is on the increase. The two "dens" referred to are not the only ones that have recently been opened in the Metropolis. "Opium, in all its forms," said a chemist, "is taken." In addition to many who visit opium "dens," others smoke it in the quiet of their own chambers. It is time this was recognised, and something done to root up the evil.

A Painful Experiment.

Mr. James Welsh, of Hull, who has invented a new gun and explosive, was experimenting with them recently when there was an explosion, and he received serious injuries to his right hand. He attributed the explosion to the low temperature.

What is a Permanent Situation? Sued by a registry office keeper in Bloombury, a servant complained that the situation found him was not "a permanent one." "What person in this life," asked the Registrar, "has a permanent situation?" The servant was ordered to pay the registry fee and costs.

London Rubber Specie's. London, March 8.—The following dividends are announced:—St. George 12½ New Crocodile 5. Pataling pays a final 100, making 275 for the year, places to reserve £3,500, and carries forward £7,238. At the coming auction about 900 tons will be offered. The market is inactive but the tone is easier.

The East Asiatic Company's Daily Report for March 3 says:—The market in Saturday was quiet. The closing prices were:—Hard Pine Para Spot 3/11½ Hard Pine Para Forward 3/11½ First latex crepe, delivery in 3 months 3/11½

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Japan, s.s. P. E. Friedrich, Swatow, s.s. Haimun, Singapore, s.s. Hakata-maru, Shanghai, s.s. Namur, Saigon, s.s. Phu Ynn, Manila, s.s. Yuensang, Seattle, s.s. Cyclops.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Shanghai
Feb. 27 Mar. 15
Feb. 28 Mar. 17

MAILS DUE.

Gorman, P. Alice, 20th inst.
The Princess Alice, with German Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 15th instant at 9 a.m. and may be expected here on Thursday the 20th instant at 7 a.m.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.
Amoy—Per Glenfalloch, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.
Hoihow, Haiphong, and Pakhoi—Per Singan, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.
Kwongchow Wan, Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Huo, 19th Mar., 8 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per P. E. Friedrich, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Namur, 19th Mar., 9 a.m.
Batavia, Samang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tjimonok, 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per Kaifong, 19th Mar., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 19th Mar., 11.15 p.m.
Japan via Kuchinotzu, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle—Per Tien, 19th Mar., 2 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Hakata-maru, 19th Mar., 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per Tientsin, 19th Mar., 3 p.m.

Straits, India via Bombay—Per Capri, 20th Mar., 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per Hangsang, 20th Mar., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th Mar., 1.15 p.m.
Japan and Yokohama—Per Tjimonok, 20th Mar., 2 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 20th Mar., 3 p.m.

Korror, Yap, Ulai, Saipan, Truk, Ponape, Kusa, Juluit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney—Per Germania, 20th Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki (Europe via Siberia)—Per Princess Alice, 20th Mar., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 21st Mar., 9 a.m.
Japan via Yokohama—Per Dilwara, 21st Mar., 9 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Angaur, Yap, Fred, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Waldemar, 22nd Mar., 8 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuensang, 22nd Mar., 1 p.m.
Japan via Moji, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Tacoma-maru, 22nd Mar., 1 p.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 22nd Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe and Moji—Per Fooksang, 22nd Mar., 5 p.m.
Swatow, Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 22nd Mar., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 23rd Mar., 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haimun, 25th Mar., 9 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseille (Late Letters 11 to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Nera, 25th Mar., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Taming, 25th Mar., 3 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Baron Napier, Jap. s.s., 3,159, B. O. Gouey, 17th Mar.
Barry, Wales 31st Jan.
and Colombo 3rd Mar.
Coal—Admiralty.
Tjimonok, Dutch s.s., 3,521, N. V. W. Jumaanu, 17th Mar.
Amoy 16th Mar.
Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Mexican Prince, Br. s.s., 1,953, 17th Mar.—Singapore
10th Mar., Bulk oil—A. P. & Co.
Landrat Scheiff, Ger. s.s., 1,081, Strune, 17th Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow
16th Mar., Rice—Order.

Phu Ynn, Fr. s.s., 1,246, Lagoano, 17th Mar.—Saigon 13th Mar., Rice—B. & Co.
Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,28, Rolfo, 18th Mar.—Manila 15th Mar., Mar., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Namur, Br. s.s., 4,188, A. Collyer, 18th Mar.—Yokohama 4th Mar., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Cyclops, Br. s.s., 5,762, D. Arthur, 18th Mar.—Vancouver and Yokohama 8th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Tjimonok, Dutch s.s., 3,666, Y. N. Brumu, 18th Mar.—Muntah, 22nd Mar., Sugar—J. C. J. L.
Hakata Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,870, Nomura, 18th Mar.—Calcutta, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Ger. s.s., 8,797, Mundt, 18th Mar.—Yokohama 8th Mar., Gen.—M. & Co.
Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, Evans, 18th Mar.—Swatow 17th Mar., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kiukiang, Br. s.s., 1,228, Robertson, 18th Mar.—Canton 17th Mar., Gen.—B. & S. Nagasaki
Monmouth, Br. cruiser, 9,800, B. H. P. Bartlett, 18th Mar.—from Yokohama.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 777, Jorgensen, 18th Mar.—Haiphong and Hoihow 17th Mar., Gen.—J. & Co.
Standard, Nor. s.s., 1,461, Bull, 18th Mar.—Bangkok 10th Mar., Rice—Siang Kee.

Belgravia, Ger. s.s., 4,24, Rasan, 18th Mar.—Shanghai 14th Mar., Gen.—H. A. L.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Mar. 17.
Heta Chang, for Canton.
Onsang, for Saigon.
Perseus, for London.
Tak On, for Macao.

Iyo-maru, for Yokohama.
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Cheongshing, for Canton.
Thongwa, for Calcutta.
Machew, for Bangkok.
P. E. Friedrich, for Bremen.
Sigan, for Haiphong.
Tientsin, for Shanghai.
Belgravia, for Manila.
Cleveland, for Hamburg.
Zafro, for Hilo.
Namur, for London.
Keogwai, for Bangkok.
Soshu-maru, for Anping.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Tjimonok, arrived 17th inst., from Amoy:—
Sato, Mr. & Mrs.
Per s.s. Tjimonok, arrived 18th inst., from Muntah:
Hlok, V. Rompies, Dr.

Per s.s. P. E. Friedrich, arrived 18th inst., from Yokohama, &c.:—
Anderson, G. G. Llewellyn, F. D. Paur, W. Lander, R. Rev. Platteau, G. H. Bradley, Dr. Mr. Mitani & Miss Moki, Capt. T. Chan, Tu Tan, Nauchi, Nistitagi, Rev. Nina, W. R. Chambers, Rev. Nina, W. R. Eddblad, N. Okune, Ehrhardt, F. Rieko, Rev. Engelert, Mrs. & Fakio, Miss Shival, Fubos, Shimoto, Fablan, M. Fugimoto, Camacho, Schmans, Gibson, Dr. Solomon, A. Galinski, Mr. & Schultze, Rev. Mrs. Schlichtiger, Hama, M. H. Jaffray, R. A. B. Johnson, Miss Kishi, Kuroda, Tong, S. K. Wada, Katsuka, Wohlgenuth, Kiewitz, J. Koller, Rev. R.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 18th at 11.45.—Pressure is now highest over Manchuria. It has increased slightly over 8. Japan and S. China, and decreased slightly over N. Japan and N. Luzon. A shallow depression still covers Indo-China and the western portion of the China Sea. Gradients are shallow elsewhere.

Light monsoon is indicated along the E coast of China, and moderate E. to S.E. winds, with unsettled weather, over the northern portion of the N. China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.73 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.
District. Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E winds, moderate; overcast, occasional rain.
2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds fresh.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
18th March, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force.
Wosook 7a 30.1729 — 0 0
Nanuro 6a 29.99 — nw 6
Hakodate 30.13 — n 1
Tokio 30.08 — nnw 1
Koehi 29.99 — 0
Nagasaki 29.95 — s 1
Kishima 29.96 — nne 1
Oshima 29.95 — ssw 1
Naha 29.95 — n 4
Ishijima 29.97 — n 1
Bonin Is. — — — —
Chefoo — — — —
Whaiwei 30.09 35 90 — b
Hankow — — — —
Iohang — — — —
Kiukiang — — — —
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Macao 29.86 65 — nnw 1 of
Wuchow 9a — — — —
Pakhoi — — — —
Hoihow — — — —
Phulien 6a 29.85 70 — ene 5 o
Tourane 29.81 75 — ssw 2 o
C. St. J. 29.89 75 — ene 2 o
Aparri 29.90 81 — sse 2 o
Manila 29.91 72 — ne 1 b
Legaspi 29.91 77 — ne 1 o
Hilo 9a 29.91 82 — nw 1 b
Bacolod — — — —
Cebu 29.91 85 — e 2 c

T. F. Claxton, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 18.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet, 0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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HAIRANG... A. E. Holgers... FRIDAY, 28th Mar., at 10 a.m.		

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